
The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial, has announced the following elections and appointments: the Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., has been elected Prior of the House of Studies, Washington, D. C.; the Very Rev. E. M. Hanley, O.P., has been elected Prior of St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio; the Rev. E. F. Smith, O.P., has been appointed Regent of Studies for the Province; the Rev. W. F. Cassidy, O.P., has been appointed Master of Novices at St. Joseph's Priory; the Very Rev. J. B. Reese, O.P., has been appointed Master of Students at St. Stephen's Priory.

St. Stephen's Priory, Dover, Mass., has been established as a House of Studies for the second and third year philosophers of the Province. The Novitiate will move to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio.

At the Dominican Villa, Seabright, New Jersey, on August 11, the Rev. J. F. Whittaker, O.P., Master of Students, received the solemn profession of Brothers Hilary Intine, O.P., Angelus Murphy, O.P., and Gregory Doherty, O.P.

On August 26, Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., received the solemn profession of the following student Brothers: Valerian LaFrance, Finbar Carroll, Bede Dennis, Leonard Smith, Ronald Henery, Joachim Cunningham, Giles Pezzullo, Fidelis McKenna, Ceslaus Hoinacki, Thaddeus Davies, Emmanuel Bertrand, Brian Morris, Bernard Smith, Raphael Archer, Matthias Caprio, Matthew Kelley, Stephen Fitzhenry, Cyprian Cenkner, Antoninus McCaffrey, Kieran Smith, Lawrence Concordia, Cajetan Kelly, Owen O'Connor.

Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston was invested in the habit of the Third Order of St. Dominic at St. Stephen's Priory, Dover, Mass., on June 30. The Archbishop is the first American prelate to become affiliated with both the Dominican and Franciscan Orders. The great honor was given in recognition of the prelate's efforts to spread the knowledge of theology among the laity, especially by means of his school of theology in Boston which is staffed by the faculty of Providence College. The Archbishop received the name of Brother Thomas Aquinas.
On August 4, His Excellency presided at the St. Dominic's Day celebration at the Priory. The Franciscan Fathers of St. Francis Friary, Brookline, Mass., were honored guests.

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Springbank Plantation, a 100 acre estate near Kingstree, South Carolina, has been donated to the Dominican Order by Mrs. Howard S. Hadden. One of the oldest estates in Williamsburg County, it will serve as Missionary Headquarters for the South. The original plantation was begun in 1782 but the present two story building is less than 10 years old. Rev. P. P. Walsh, O.P., head of the Southern Mission Band, and a small community are presently occupying the plantation.

On July 10, Providence College dedicated its new multi-purpose building, Alumni Hall. After the building was blessed by the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence, open house was held with the members of the Alumni Board of Governors serving as hosts. The building which cost in excess of two million dollars was conceived and designed to incorporate the essentials of many buildings in one. It contains: lecture rooms, an R.O.T.C. armory, a 5000-seat auditorium, a 3500-seat gymnasium, student health center, dining hall, conference rooms, and many other facilities. The architects were Eggers and Higgins of New York and the contractor was the Gilbane Building Company of Providence. The building will be in full use with the opening of the fall semester.

At the annual spring elections of the Mission Academia held in the House of Studies, Washington, D.C., the following students were elected to office: Bro. Hyacinth Maguire, O.P., President; Bro. Augustine Catalano, O.P., Secretary; Bro. Angelus Murphy, O.P., Historian.

The following students form the DOMINICANA staff for the current year, June 1955-June 1956: Gregory Doherty, Editor; Andrew Newman, Associate Editor; Anthony Vanderhaar, Book Review Editor; Clement Boulet, Associate Book Review Editor; John Dominic Logan, Cloister Chronicle; Hilary Intine, Sisters' Chronicle; Francis Fontanez, Circulation Manager; Hyacinth Maguire, Assistant Circulation Manager; Angelus Murphy, Business Manager.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites has accepted the cause of beatification Father Edward Gonzales, O.P.


On June 10, the Most Rev. Merlin J. Guilfoyle, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, ordained the Reverend Fathers Peter Martyr West, Barnabas Berigan, Urban Goss, Richard Farmer,
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Gregory Moore, Boniface Schmitt, Malachy Cumiskey, and Henry Hohman to the Sacred Priesthood in St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, Calif. Brothers Joachim Miller and Daniel Roach received the Deaconate on the previous day.

At the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., the Very Rev. J. S. Considine, O.P., received the first simple profession of Bros. Nicholas Morgan and Lawrence Krish, laybrothers, on April 20 and May 1 respectively.

On July 2, Bro. Aquinas McConnell, laybrother, made his second profession of simple vows at St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa.


The newly appointed Socius to the Master General for the North American provinces, the Very Rev. John A. Driscoll, O.P., S.T.M., left St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa, on June 1 for Rome to take up his duties there. The Very Rev. A. A. Norton, O.P., was elected Prior of St. Rose to succeed Father Driscoll.

The Very Rev. Patrick M. J. Clancy, O.P., has been elected Prior of the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.

The Rev. A. M. McDermott, O.P., has been named Pastor of St. Helena's Parish, Amite, La., and the Rev. W. R. Barron, O.P., Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Kansas City, Mo. The Very Rev. J. W. Curran, O.P., has been appointed Director of the Rosary Apostolate for the Province.

The Institute of Spiritual Theology was again conducted this summer at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill. Beginning on July 6, the Institute lasted for four weeks, with about seventy priests and religious in attendance. The Very Rev. Fathers Ferrer Smith, O.P., and Philip Mulhern, O.P., of St. Joseph's Province; the Rev. Augustin Leonard, O.P., from Belgium; and the Rev. Paul Starrs, O.P., of the Holy Name Province, were among the guest professors.

The Albertus Magnus Lyceum, headed by the Very Rev. W. H. Kane, O.P., engaged in two projects this summer: teaching and elaborating a new liberal arts curriculum at St. Xavier College, Chicago, Ill.; and teaching at the Institutum Divi Thomae in Cincinnati, Ohio.


His Excellency, Archbishop Carlo Heerey of Onitsha, Nigeria, British West Africa, recently visited the Province.
SISTERS' CHRONICLE

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions drawn up for the late Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General. He died June 30, 1954.

WHEREAS, God in His Boundless Love called the Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez to the Holy Priesthood, and particularly, to the exercise of the apostolic life in the holy Order of Preachers, and
WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, by his zeal and holiness of life, rendered dutiful homage to the Divine Majesty of God in the performance of the works of the holy Order, and
WHEREAS, In the designs of Divine Providence the Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez was Master General of the Dominican Order, and
WHEREAS, It has pleased the Adorable Will of God to call to his eternal reward the soul of the Most Reverend Father,
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Conference of Dominican Mothers General give thanks to Almighty God for having known and collaborated with the said Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Conference of Dominican Mothers General make due acknowledgement of the priestly zeal of their beloved Master General, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said Conference officially recognize and acknowledge a debt of gratitude to the departed for the inspiration of his life and the many services so graciously rendered to the Dominican Sisterhoods of the United States, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of their obligation the Conference cause to have offered, for the happy repose of his soul, the Gregorian Masses.

Respectfully submitted,

DOMINICAN MOTHERS GENERAL CONFERENCE
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Mother Mary Imelda, O.P., Secretary-Treasurer

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the Conference of Dominican Mothers General give thanks to Almighty God for having known and collaborated with the said Most Reverend Paul A. Skehan, O.P., and

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Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas

Sister M. Basil died in May after a year-long illness. R.I.P.
In mid-July the Sisters gathered at the Mother House for their annual retreat, which was given by Father Van Noenan, O.P.
The year’s appointments indicated the opening of two new schools: Queen of Peace in LaMarque, Texas; and Our Lady’s School, in Sulphur, Louisiana.
On the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady three young ladies received the habit, Miss Shirley Owens, Sister M. Leonora; Miss Monica Carolan, Sister Patricia Ann; Miss Mary Theresa Rourke, Sister M. Columba. Eight Sisters pronounced final vows.
Sisters M. Finian and M. Hildegarde are visiting their homes in Ireland.
Sister M. DeLourdes and Sister M. Emile attended the Triennial International Conference of the I.F.C.A. held at St. Paul, Minnesota, during August.

Our Lady of the Elms, Akron, Ohio
Sister M. Roberta received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education from Siena Heights College on June 1. Sisters M. Camille, Dolora, Evangeline, Joan of Arc, Justin, Martin, Peter, Reginald, Robert, and Stephen received the same degree from St. John College of Cleveland on June 11. On June 13, the Master of Arts degree was conferred on Sister Marijane at the University of Akron.
The Very Rev. Matthew E. Hanley, O.P., conducted the annual retreat at Our Lady of the Elms, June 13 to 19.
Sisters M. Frederick and Siena, O.P., made their final profession on June 20.
Summer courses in theology were conducted at the Motherhouse by the Rev. Paul F. Small, O.P.
St. Dominic Convent, Everett, Washington

Sister M. Hyacinth Gerard, O.P., celebrated the 50th anniversary of her profession. She was among the first members of the community to enter the Dominican Novitiate of the Congregation of the Most Holy Cross, at St. Joseph Hospital, Aberdeen.


Four novices received the habit at ceremonies June 13. They are Sister Mary Harriet, Sister Mary Rosina, Sister Mary Karen and Sister Mary Celine.

Sisters who pronounced perpetual vows were: Sisters M. Vincent Ferrer Wejrowski, Sister M. Paula Thane, Sister M. Dominic Stevens, Sister M. Carmelita Cram, Sister M. Joachim Brinton, and Sister M. Ann Patrick Deegan.

Sister M. Fidelis has been appointed by the Governor of Washington to serve on the State Hospital Advisory Council.

Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wisconsin

On May 21, the community was privileged to have a Solemn High Mass in the Convent chapel offered by three newly ordained priests, all graduates of St. Catherine's High School. Father Richard Smith, Kenosha, was celebrant of the Mass. Father Fred Bleidorn and Robert Van Suster, Racine, were deacon and subdeacon respectively.

Sisters Madeline, Sebastian, Eunice, and Mary Magdalen attended the Institute of Dominican Spirituality at St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio, June 10 to 21.

Father J. W. Conway, O.P., conducted the first of the summer retreats at the Motherhouse June 12 to 19. Father R. Joubert, O.P., was a guest teacher at Dominican College for the summer session.

The Community has recently acquired property on the outskirts of Racine bordering Lake Michigan to be used in the expansion program of Dominican College. The College will resume its co-educational status at the opening of the fall term.

August 5 was observed as Jubilee Day at St. Catherine's. Sister M. Anselma celebrated her diamond jubilee and Sisters M. Eustace, Susanna, and Lucina, their golden jubilees. Nine Sisters observed their silver anniversary on the same day.

On August 15, ten Sisters made their final profession and ten novices pronounced their first vows. Twenty-six postulants were invested with the habit of the Order on August 17.

The following deaths have occurred within the past few months: Sister M. Gaudentia Bares, Sister M. Antonia Koehler, and Sister M. DeCruce Rinehart. R.I.P.

St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tennessee

The Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation studied in the following Colleges and Universities during the summer: Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.; DePaul University, Chicago; St. Mary's Dominican College, New Orleans, La.; Siena College, Memphis; George Peabody College, Nashville, and in the St. Cecilia Normal School.

Religious vacation schools were conducted by the Sisters of the St. Cecilia
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Congregation, during the summer, in Harriman, Lafollette, Copperhill, and Lebanon, Tennessee.

The Rev. John B. Walsh, O.P., conducted the annual retreats for the Sisters of the Congregation, during August. The first retreat was held at St. Cecilia Convent, August 8-15, and the second one at St. Mary's Orphanage, August 15-22.

Sister Augusta Massa, O.P., and Sister Aloysius Mackin, O.P., were graduated on July 22, from the School of Theology for Sisters, conducted by the Dominican Fathers, at St. Mary's Dominican College, New Orleans, La. Mother Joan of Arc, O.P., Prioress General, attended the graduation exercises.

Sister Mary Damian Harrington, O.P., Sister Mary Daniel Tingle, O.P., and Sister Henry Suso Fletcher, O.P., received the B.A. Degree, and Sister Mary Leonard Colorigh, O.P., her B.S. degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, at the close of the summer session, August 15.

The Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation will staff the new St. James School, Memphis, Tennessee, in the fall of 1955. The Rev. Morris Stritch, nephew of His Eminence, Cardinal Stritch, is pastor of St. James Church.


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


On June 14, the Most Rev. John Petit, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, visited the monastery and gave an informal talk to the Sisters in which he described the immense good that the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima of Bala is doing in the heart of Welsh Wales.

Father Joachim, O.F.M., who has been assigned to the Franciscan mission fields in Bolivia, was a guest of the monastery from June 17-22. Father Hugh McLoughlin, S.J., was also a guest of the Community over the week-end of June 24th.

Very Rev. Timothy M. Sparks, O.P., visited the Shrine and sang a Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating his silver jubilee of ordination to the priesthood. The preceding Sunday, Rev. John Murphy, O.P., celebrated his silver jubilee at Rosary Shrine with a High Mass.

During the latter part of June and during July, Rev. Raymond Bruckberger, O.P., was a guest of the monastery. During the month of July he substituted as chaplain of the monastery for Rev. Edward L. Phillips, O.P.

The Holy Ghost devotional retreat from May 22-29 was preached by Rev. John Ryan, O.P., of St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory.

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

A ceremony of Perpetual Vows took place on March 17th, and on the 27th of the same month Sister Mary Catherine pronounced her Temporary Vows.

On Sunday, May 15, we celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the Founding of the Perpetual Rosary. His Excellency, Thomas A. Boland, D.D., Archbishop of Newark sang the Pontifical Mass and the sermon was preached by Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert’s Province. Many Domestic Prelates and Priests were present in the sanctuary.

On July 10, Sister Marie Aquinas, O.P., made Profession of Temporary Vows.

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


Sister Elizabeth Seton, O.P., represented the College at the national convention of the Catholic Theatre Conference at Notre Dame University in June. Sister M. Ruth, O.P., librarian of the College, and Sister M. Corona, O.P., librarian of Catholic Central High School, Steubenville, Ohio, attended the American Library Convention in Philadelphia in July. Six members of the Congregation visited points of religious and educational interest in Europe during the summer vacation.


The annual retreat opened at the Motherhouse on June 29. Rev. J. J. Sullivan, O.P., Sacred Heart, Jersey City, and Rev. J. A. Manning, O.P., St. Joseph’s, Somerset, Ohio, were retreat-masters in the Convent Chapel and Christ the King Chapel, respectively.


Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, La.

On July 9, Miss Ruth Gubler received the Holy Habit of St. Dominic in the Novitiate Chapel, Rosaryville, and was given the name of Sister Mary Joel. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edwin J. Gubler, an uncle of Sister Mary Joel, officiated.

The Institute of Dominican Spirituality was attended by Sisters Mary Aimee, Francesca, Rita and Paul at St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio, and by Sister Mary Edward at San Rafael, California.

Graduation exercises of the Summer Session of St. Mary’s Dominican College were held July 22. The Rev. Paul G. Hinnebusch, O.P., chaplain, celebrated the Mass in the college chapel and the Rev. Leo M. Shea, O.P., addressed the graduates during the exercises which followed in St. Thomas Aquinas auditorium. Among those awarded the Bachelor of Science was Sister Mary Christine, O.P. The Dominican Sisters who received certificates for completion of three summer terms in the Theological Institute were Sister Mary Venard, of Chicago; Sister Aloysius and
Sister Augusta, Nashville; and Sisters M. Joan, Alice, and Regina of St. Mary’s Congregation, New Orleans.

On August 4 the Community celebrated the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Profession of Sisters Mary Theresa Mittelbronn, Austin Cauvin, and Patricia McGrath.
August 25-27 Sisters Mary Ligouri and Patrick attended the Catholic Business Education Conference held at the Palmer House, Chicago.

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

On Monday evening, June 21, Sister Mary Dominic, O.P., Ph.D.,—recently returned from Catholic University of America—addressed the Faculty and Students of Queen of the Holy Rosary College, thus officially opening the Summer Sessions of that Institution.

On Friday, June 24, eight Sisters of the Community pronounced their final vows. Sisters who pronounced their final vows were: Sister Mary John Doherty, Sister M. Elaine Glanz, Sister M. Gregory Duignan, Sister M. Antonia Leber, Sister M. Benilda Desmond, Sister M. Edwardine Lonergan, Sister M. Cletus Freitas and Sister Mary Noel Stassi.

On Sunday, June 27 the Cornerstone of the new Chapel and Infirmary Building was laid. Officiating at the ceremony, as representative of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop, was Right Rev. Msgr. John J. Scabell, Dean of Alameda County, who also delivered the sermon for the occasion. The Very Rev. Joseph J. Fulton, O.P., Provincial of Holy Name Province explained the procedure and indicated the various documents to be sealed into the stone. The Rev. Leo Thomas, O.P., was Master of Ceremonies. Several other members of the clergy, as well as the architect and contractor of the building, and numerous friends of the Community were present for the occasion.

Graduation exercises of the College of the Holy Rosary were held on Sunday, August 7 in the Motherhouse Chapel. The speaker for the occasion was the Very Rev. Joseph J. Fulton, O.P., Provincial.
August 15 marked the Diamond Jubilee of Sister M. Dolorosa, O.P., the Golden Jubilee of Mother Mary Pius, O.P., and Sister M. Marcella, O.P., and the Silver Jubilee of Sister Angela Marie, Sister M. Alice, Sister M. Crescentia, and Sister M. Stilla. A Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving was offered, after which the Apostolic Blessing and special greetings were conveyed to the Jubilarians by the representative of His Excellency Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco.

On Tuesday, August 30, four Sisters made their First Profession: Sister Vincent Marie Hurley of San Francisco, Sister Marie Michelle Cotton of San Francisco, Sister M. Ramona Bascom of Pasadena, and Sister Dominica Madden of Portland, Oregon.

**Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Mount St. Mary on the Hudson, Newburgh, New York**

The Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell, D.D., coadjutor bishop of Wheeling, West Virginia, presided at the Commencement of Mt. St. Mary Academy on June 3. The speaker for the occasion was Mr. John Quincy Adams of Montclair, N. J. The Class Day speaker was the Rev. John P. Sullivan, O.P., of Mary Immaculate School, Ossining, N. Y.

The Rev. Camillus Boyd, O.P., preached the retreat preparatory to the Investiture and First Profession ceremonies on June 13, and 15, respectively. The
Most Rev. Mariner T. Smith, O.P., Procurator General, presided at the Final Profession ceremonies on August 23.

Sisters Mary Vincent and Margaret Michael attended the Workshop on Problems of Administration in American Colleges at the Catholic University June 10-21.

Sister Mary Consilia took an active part in the Institute on Curriculum Development held during the summer months at St. Xavier’s College, Chicago.

The Very Rev Sebastian Tauzin, O.P., provincial of Brazil, stopped at Mt. St. Mary on his return trip from the Dominican Chapter in Rome.

Sister Mary Benita died on July 2 at the Motherhouse in the 49th year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

Corpus Christi Monastery, Bronx, N. Y.

On May 19th, Sr. Mary of the Sacred Heart made her Temporary Profession. Msgr. Mechler presided as the representative of the Cardinal.

On May 23rd, Mother M. Reginald celebrated her Diamond Jubilee (60 years of Religious Profession). It was the first the Monastery has ever had. At 8:30 Mass was sung by Rev. John Tayor, S.J., and Spiritual Bouquets from the Community were offered to Mother. Mother Mary Reginald in her long Religious Life has filled all the important offices of the Community—Mistress of Lay-sisters; Mistress of Novices; Sub-Prioress and Prioress for 2 terms 1930-36). For the last 20 years her life has been one of severe suffering, in which she is an edifying example to all.

The Pre-Pentecostal Retreat was given by Rev. J. A. Manning, O.P. He took the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost as the subjects of his conferences. After explaining them according to St. Thomas, he then applied them to the Religious Life.

On June 18th, Mother M. Catherine celebrated her Golden Jubilee. Rev. Fr. Lahey, S.J., said the Community Mass, a second was said by Rev. Joseph Taylor, O.P., and then a Solemn High Mass was offered with Rev. Francis O'Connell, O.P., as celebrant.

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

The Franciscan Fathers of St. Patrick’s Parish and of Bishop Timon High School celebrated the Mass and preached the sermon on the feast of St. Dominic.

On the feast of the Visitation of our Blessed Mother the holy habit was given to Sr. Dominic Marie of Jesus, Sr. Miriam of the Holy Spirit and to Sr. Mary Catherine of Jesus Crucified, all choir Nuns. Previously, Sr. Rose of St. Mary had been received to profession of temporary vows as a choir Nun.

Saint Catherine’s Motherhouse, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Sister M. Clotilda, Vocational Director, accompanied by Sister M. Assumpta attended the Ninth Vocational Institute at Notre Dame University.

Dr. McIntyre, President of the International College of Surgeons was guest speaker of the annual banquet given the medical staff by the Sisters of St. Catherine’s Hospital.

The Rev. Joseph Steiger preached the sermon at the graduation exercises for the eighth grade pupils of St. Mary’s School, Taft, California.

The First Communicant Class prepared by the Sisters of St. Therese School, Albuquerque, N. M., this year numbered 105—the largest in the history of the parish.

On June 19, a Barbecue for the benefit of Mercy Hospital, Merced, California was held on the hospital grounds. Eight hundred people were served at the booths manned by the business men of the city—many of them non-Catholic.
The Dominican College of San Rafael held its Commencement Exercises on May 27. At the Baccalaureate Mass, Rev. Kevin E. Carr, O.P., preached the sermon. His Excellency, Bishop Merlin Guilfoyle, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco presided at the graduation. Dr. Mortimer Adler gave the Baccalaureate address—his subject "The Pursuit of Wisdom."

Summer Sessions were held in three houses of the Congregation—at St. Catherine's Convent, Benicia, for children in the elementary grades; at Santa Catalina School, Monterey, for those in both elementary and high schools, and at the Dominican College of San Rafael, for college graduates and undergraduates. The Pacific Coast Branch of the Catholic University, a graduate school, was in session at the Dominican College at the same time. The College Sessions closed on August 5 with His Excellency Bishop Guilfoyle, presiding.

The Summer Session at San Rafael was followed by the Institute of Dominican Spirituality, now in its third year. This was conducted by Very Rev. Philip F. Mulhern, O.P., Regent of Studies at College of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Russell J. Aumann, O.P., from St. Peter Priory, Winona, Wisconsin; Rev. Vincent Donovan, O.P., Province of St. Joseph; and Rev. Paul Starrs, O.P., College of St. Albert, Oakland. Dominican Sisters from all the Western Congregations attended this Institute from August 8 to 20.

This fall the Congregation opened three new schools. In the San Francisco Diocese, Our Lady of Mercy School in Westlake, and Most Holy Rosary School in Antioch. The third was opened in the parish of St. Albert the Great, Reno, Nevada.

The General Chapter of the Congregation was held in Speyer, Germany, at St. Joseph's Convent, March 26. Mother M. Jucunda, Provincial, and two delegates, Sister Garina and Sister Igmara attended. Mother M. Fabiola was re-elected Mother General of the Congregation. Sister M. Garina was appointed Mother Provincial to replace Mother Jucunda whose term of office expired at that time.

The eleventh Conference of Dominican Mothers General held at Marywood College, Grand Rapids, Michigan in April was attended by Mother M. Lenitas, Vicarress, and Mother M. Belina, Procurator.


Ten Sisters from our Community were enrolled for summer courses at the following colleges: Alverno College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Carroll College, Helena, Montana; Dominican College, San Rafael, California; Gonzaga University and Holy Name College, Spokane.

Six Sisters were in attendance at Dominican College, San Rafael, for the course in Dominican Spirituality conducted at the College in August.

The retreats for lay women were well attended this season. In order to accommodate thirty women in St. Catherine's Retreat Hall, a building program was completed which provided the necessary sleeping quarters and a spacious reading and informal conference room.

At the close of the retreat July 26-August 4, the following postulants were clothed in the habit of St. Dominic: Margaret Haimerl, Spokane—Sister M. Dominic; Joyce Mary Korp, Tacoma—Sister Mary John; Janet Tate, Seattle—Sister M. Damien; Theresa Willia, Shelby, Montana—Sister M. Rita.
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Two novices made their first profession: Sister M. Veronica Schweitzer and Sister Rose Frances Seymour. Representing the Most Rev. Bishop Charles D. White, D.D., was the Very Rev. E. L. Sadowski, Chancellor, who presided at the ceremony.

Congregation of the Holy Cross, Amityville, New York


St. Agnes Academic High School was honored in June when Rev. Edmund Reilly, a former student, was raised to the dignity of auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn. In the same month another student, Rev. Brother Bertrand Ryan, O.S.F., was elected Provincial at the General Chapter of the local Franciscan Brothers.

Large groups of Sisters attended summer school courses at St. John’s University, Brooklyn; Fordham University; Providence College, Rhode Island; New York University; Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Ponce and Sacred Heart College, San- turce, Puerto Rico as well as the Congregation’s Summer College at Saint Joseph’s, New York.

Sisters of the Congregation, in the interests of Catholic youth, supervised work in a number of Catholic Camps during July and August, on Long Island, in New York State and New Jersey. Day Camps of the C.Y.O., were also conducted by the Sisters at Whitestone Cresthaven, Wyandanch and Elmont, New York.

Representatives of the Congregation attended the Vocations Institute held on the campus of Fordham University, July 28 and 29.

Very Rev. Msgr. Eugene J. Crawford, presided at the Ceremony of Reception on August 4 when sixty postulants received the Dominican Habit, and on August 8, Msgr. Crawford again presided when fifty novices pronounced their First Vows.


Congregation of Saint Catharine of Siena, Saint Catharine, Kentucky

Many of the clergy, both Religious and Diocesan were present at the solemn closing of the Forty Hours Devotion held in Saint Catharine Chapel on April 26. On May 19 the Rev. Henry Stuecker, assisted by the Revs. Leo Smith and M. S. Willoughby, O.P., blessed the latest addition to Rosary Hospital, Campbellsville, Kentucky. Among those present for this ceremony were Mother Mary Julia, Sisters Margaret Elizabeth and Mary Charles.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi the Rev. L. A. Springman, O.P., was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass. The Dominican students of Saint Rose House of Philosophy sang the Mass.

Nine of our Sisters attended the Institute of Dominican Spirituality held in June at Saint Mary of the Springs College, Columbus, Ohio.

On June 29-30 the Catholic Schools of the Louisville Archdiocese met with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. N. Pitt in a state-wide conference on Catholic Education. This meeting was a prelude to the White House Conference on Education in Washington, D. C., in November. Sisters Catharine Gertrude, Aquinette, Marie Therese, Mary Lawrence, and Mary Gilbert represented the congregation.

The silver jubilee of religious profession was commemorated by Sisters Moneta Vanderstock, Thaddeus Gillan and Stella Maris Fleming on the Feast of St. Dominic.

The Rev. M. S. Willoughby, O.P., presided at the rites of investiture for 19 postulants and the ceremonies of profession for 21 novices on August 14-15 respectively.
The General Council has acceded to the request of Most Rev. Bishop James McManus, C.SS.R., of Ponce, Puerto Rico to add sisters to the staff of the Catholic University of Santa Maria, Ponce. Sisters Consilia and Consuela became faculty members in September.

Convent of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Springfield, Illinois

On August 4, six postulants received the Dominican habit, and on August 5, eight novices made profession for three years and ten sisters made final profession. Fourteen postulants were received on June 22.

On August 8, Sisters M. Joana, O.P., M. Winifred, O.P., M. Francesca, O.P., and M. Gonzales, O.P., marked the golden jubilee of their religious profession. It was also the occasion of the silver jubilee of Sisters M. Roberta, O.P., M. del Carmel, O.P., and M. Consolata, O.P.

This summer the degree of Bachelor of Arts was received by twelve sisters; the degree of Master of Arts, by one. Six sisters received certificates in Theology.

Sisters M. Mannes, O.P., and M. Annaclare, O.P., attended the Catholic Theatre Conference at Notre Dame, June 12-15. Sisters M. Thomas Aquinas, O.P., and M. Mannes, O.P., attended the workshop in Literary Theory and Criticism at Dominican College, Racine, Wisconsin, during which Sister M. Mannes was chairman of a panel on the teaching of survey literature courses in high school. Sisters M. Kathleen, O.P., and M. Agnes Clare, O.P., attended the annual meeting of the History Teachers' Club at Notre Dame, July 8-10. Sister M. Kathleen participated in a panel discussion on meeting the problems of teaching history. Sister Maureen, O.P., represented the community at the vocation meeting at Notre Dame.

For the second summer Rev. John J. McDonald, O.P., conducted courses in Theology and Philosophy at the Motherhouse.


Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

An assembly of Sisters met at the motherhouse on July 8 to hold a general election and then to enter into conclave as the Twelfth General Chapter of the Congregation. The delegates totaled 122.

On July 9, Bishop William P. O'Connor, D.D., of Madison celebrated a Mass of the Holy Ghost, spoke briefly on the significance of the meeting, and presided at the election which followed. Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., provincial, and Rev. Edward M. Robinson, O.P., were his canonist witnesses. The assembly elected Sister Mary Benedicta Larkin, O.P., as Mother General, to succeed Mother Mary Evelyn Murphy, O.P., whose term had expired. Formerly an instructor in the English department at Rosary College, Sister Mary Benedicta was subsequently postulant mistress and novice mistress. For the past six years she had been vicaress-general.

During later assembly sessions Sister Mary Peter Doyle, O.P., Sister Mary Bernadetta Duffy, O.P., Sister Mary Thomas Kellogg, O.P., and Sister Mary Benedict Ryan, O.P., were chosen as members of the general council; Sister Mary Benita Newhouse, O.P., as bursar general, and Sister Mary Louis Bertrand Droege, O.P., as secretary-general.

Deliberations of the Chapter opened on Sunday, July 10, and continued through July 14, when the triennial meeting of the Sinsinawa Dominican Educational Conference was held.
Rev. P. M. J. Clancy was celebrant of the solemn high Mass on the feast of St. Dominic at which Most Rev. William P. O'Connor, D.D., Bishop of Madison, presided. The Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., was also present.

Bishop O'Connor preached and officiated at the reception ceremony for 63 postulants. He was assisted by Very Rev. J. B. Connolly, O.P.

Sisters Mary Edwin Hamilton and Pascal Mullen died recently. R.I.P.

Masses of thanksgiving offered through the months for our 17 golden jubilarians and 52 silver jubilarians of the year culminated in a high Mass celebrated on Jubilee Day, August 8.

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

On the Feast of Corpus Christi Rev. Edward A. Reisner, a newly ordained diocesan priest from New Jersey said one of his first Masses here and gave each Sister his blessing. Later in the day Rev. Fr. Crowley, a newly ordained priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford visited the monastery and gave his blessing.


The Dominican Nuns are grateful to generous benefactors who have given beautiful marble statues for their cemetery—a new large Corpus for the Crucifix, and large statues of Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Joseph, and St. Michael. A marble statue of the Holy Infant of Prague has also been given and erected on the grounds of the monastery outside the enclosure.

Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Lancaster, Pa.

On May 22, 1955, the Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate, dedicated the new Chapel and Monastery of the Sisters under the title of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Schweich was Deacon and the Rt. Rev. Charles Tighe, was Sub-Deacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donald Carroll, Secretary to the Delegate, was the Master of Ceremonies. The sermon was delivered by the Very Rev. Walter M. Conlon, O.P. Present in the Sanctuary was His Excellency, Most. Rev. George L. Leech, D.D., J.C.D., Bishop of Harrisburg, also fifteen Monsignori of the Harrisburg Diocese. Many of the Diocesan and religious clergy occupied seats in the body of the Chapel. Likewise many religious Communities of Sisters were represented.

His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate, gave a short talk, and Bishop Leech, also spoke, thanking all in the name of the Community for their presence and for their interest in the Community.

The new altar of the Monastery was consecrated on June 21, by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Schweich, Vicar General, acting as delegate for His Excellency George L. Leech, Bishop of Harrisburg. Msgr. Schweich was assisted in this ceremony by the local clergy. The relics of St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Maria Goretti were placed in the sepulcher of the new altar.

Forty Hours devotions opened in the Chapel on Sunday, July 10 and closed on Tuesday morning July 12. Several of the local clergy were present. Rev. Charles Weaver, the Monastery Chaplain, sang the Mass.