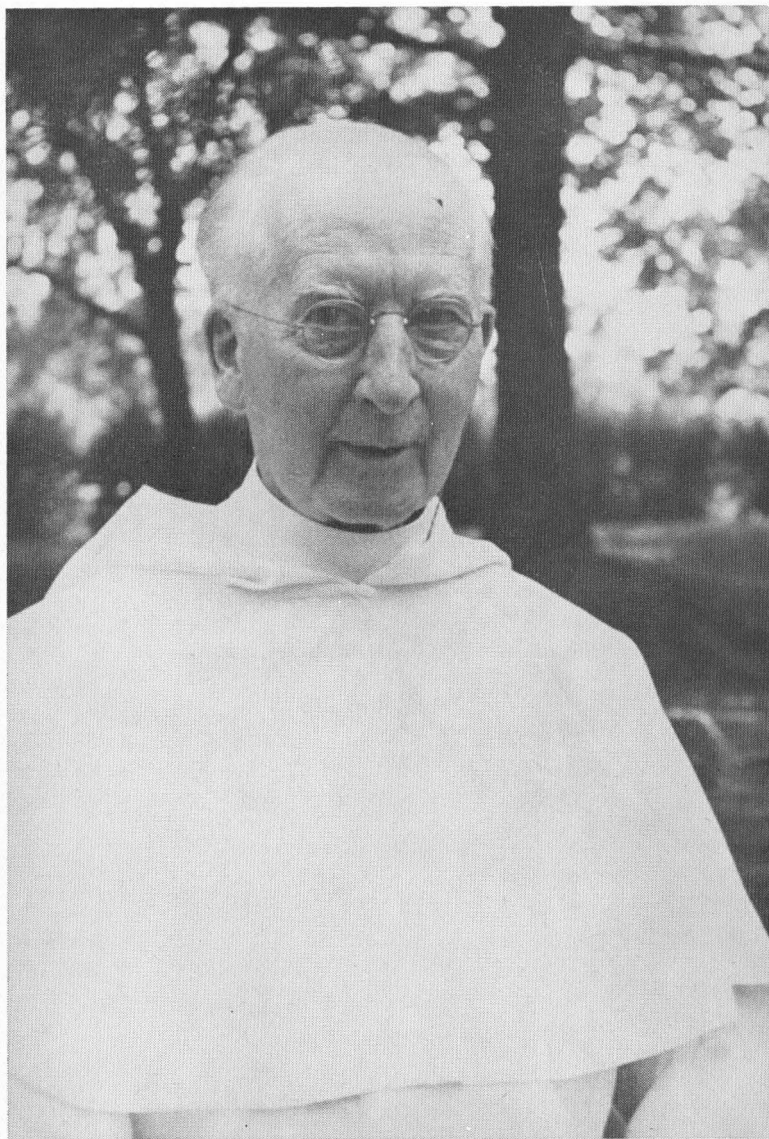


**GOLDEN JUBILEE**  
**OF**  
**THE VERY REVEREND**  
**CHARLES JEROME CALLAN, O.P., S.T.M.**



FATHER CHARLES JEROME CALLAN observed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood on July 26, 1955. The jubilee was celebrated at the Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining, New York, where Father Callan has been professor of Philosophy and Sacred Scripture for almost forty years. The Jubilarian attended a Mass of Thanksgiving offered in the Seminary Chapel by the Reverend Charles J. Liberatore, M.M. The Reverend Eugene C. Kennedy, M.M., preached the sermon and the Most Reverend Raymond H. Lane, M.M., D.D., Superior General of the Maryknoll Foreign Missionary Society presided at the ceremonies. Present also among Father Callan's friends were a delegation of Maryknoll Fathers, Mother Mary Joseph, O.P., foundress of the Maryknoll Sisters, and Mother Mary Siena, O.P., Mother General of the Dominican Sisters, Rosary Hill. The Jubilarian was also honored by a message of congratulations and blessings from His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

Father Callan was born on December 5, 1877 in Royalton, New York, the fifth of the six children of John F. and Mary Somers Callan. He received his early education at Royalton District School and Locksport High School. His college studies were taken at Canisius College, Buffalo, New York. He entered the novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, and on October 8, 1899 received the habit of the Friar Preachers from the hands of the late Very Reverend L. F. Kearney, O.P., S.T.M. He made his religious profession on October 23 of the following year, and spent the next three years in the study of Philosophy at St. Rose Priory and St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. His courses in Theology were taken at St. Joseph's Priory and the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. On June 29, 1905, at St. Joseph's Priory, Bishop James J. Hartley of Columbus ordained him to the sacred priesthood.



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After his ordination his superiors sent him to the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, where he spent two years in post-graduate studies in the sacred sciences. In 1907 the University conferred upon him the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology. After his return to the United States in 1909 he was appointed a member of the faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C., where he taught Philosophy and Sacred Scripture until 1915 when he was assigned to Holy Rosary Vicariate, Hawthorne, New York. Besides serving as a parish priest at Holy Rosary, Father Callan taught Philosophy and Sacred Scripture at Maryknoll Seminary, Ossining, New York. He held this position until failing health forced him to resign in 1954. From 1917-26 he also served as spiritual director and confessor to the Maryknoll Sisters. At the present time he is Vicar of the Dominican Community at Holy Rosary.

During the long years of his priesthood Father Callan has faithfully carried out his Order's mission to teach and defend sacred truth by the written word. Several theological and scriptural works of great merit, some written in collaboration with the late Very Reverend Ambrose McHugh, O.P., S.T.M., have come from his pen. In recognition of his literary talent and soundness of doctrine he was chosen in 1916 Joint Editor of the *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*. Despite ill health, he continues to serve as editor.

Father Callan's outstanding ability as a professor and author has been honored both by the Dominican Order and by the Holy See. In 1916 he was chosen by his province as a candidate for the *ad gradus* examination in Sacred Theology. He was again honored by his Province in 1931, when in response to the petition of the Provincial Chapter the Master General of the Order conferred upon him the degree of Master of Sacred Theology. In 1940 the Holy See rewarded his scholarly labors in the field of Sacred Scripture by appointing him Consultor of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

*Dominicana* rejoices with Father Callan on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee and prays that God may give him strength and health to continue his work for souls for many years to come.