


The Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial, has announced the following appointments: The Rev. J. T. McKenna, O.P., has been appointed Vocational Director of the Province; the Rev. D. B. McCarthy, O.P., has been appointed National Director of the Holy Name Society.

On March 7, at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., the Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., Prior, received the first simple profession of Brother Mario Proitte, O.P., laybrother.

In the recently published Acts of the Provincial Chapter, the following honors were conferred on members of the Province: Approved Masters in Sacred Theology: the Most Rev. M. T. Smith,


On March 12, Father Clark was honored by the National Catholic Welfare Conference Family Life Bureau for his special contributions in the field of marriage preparation. He was presented the Family Action award, a medal and citation, by the Most Rev. P. Bartholome, D.D., Bishop of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

The annual Mission Mass of the Catholic University Conference of Clerics and Religious was offered on February 12 in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. The Very Rev. P. P. Walsh, O.P., of Our Lady of Springbank, Kingstree, South Carolina, delivered the sermon.

On April 1, the story of the foundation of the Dominican Order was presented on the Television Catholic Hour on the NBC network. Entitled "And the Green Word Grew" it was written by the Rev. T. D. Rover, O.P., of Blackfriars Theatre Guild, New York.

The Spring Regional Meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America was held on February 29 at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. The Rev. E. F. Siegman, CPPS., led a discussion on "The Proper Use of Sacred Scripture in Dogmatic Arguments" and the Rev. W. J. Hill, O.P., led a discussion on "Problems of Dogmatic Theology."

During the coming summer months, theology courses for Sisters will be conducted by the Fathers of the Province at the following institutions: Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Our Lady of the Elms, Akron, Ohio; Marygrove College, Detroit, Mich.; LaSalle College, Phila., Pa.; Our Lady of Prouille, Elkins Park, Pa.; Mary Manse College, Toledo, Ohio; Mt. Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mt. St. Joseph College, Mt. St. Joseph on the Ohio, Cincinnati, Ohio; Nazareth College, Louisville, Ky.; Mt. St. Mary, Newburgh, N. Y.; Notre Dame of Maryland College, Baltimore, Md.; St. Catharine’s Convent, St. Catharine’s Ky.; St. John’s University, Brooklyn, N.Y.; St. John’s College, Cleveland, Ohio; St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio;
Marywood College, Scranton, Pa.; Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pa.; Trinity College, Washington, D. C.; Immaculate Heart Academy, Watertown, N. Y.; Our Lady of Cincinnati College, Cincinnati, Ohio; Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind.; Immaculata College, Immaculata, Pa.; St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.; Notre Dame Training School, Waltham, Mass.; and Providence College, Providence, R. I.

The Very Rev. R. J. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College, was elected Vice-President of the College and University Department of the National Catholic Education Association at its convention in St. Louis.

FOREIGN CHRONICLE

The new Workers' University of Cordoba has been entrusted to the care of the Dominican Fathers under an agreement signed with the Spanish Government. The Rev. M. C. Fraile, O.P., Rector, is a former graduate student of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. An estimated enrollment of 4000 students is expected in the near future.

HOLY NAME PROVINCE

The Province has suffered the loss of the Rev. Humbert V. Palmer, O.P., who died on February 21 in Vallejo. Born on August 24, 1889, Father Palmer entered the Order in 1912 and was ordained on May 10, 1918. The funeral Mass was celebrated in the parish church of St. Vincent Ferrer, Vallejo, where Father Palmer had served as a devoted and beloved shepherd for the last thirteen years of his life. The Very Rev. Joseph Fulton, O.P., Provincial, was celebrant; the Rev. B. G. Moore, O.P., Pastor, was Deacon; the Rev. S. T. Connelly, O.P., was Sub-deacon and the Rev. T. C. Gabisch, O.P., preached the sermon. Interment was in the Dominican Cemetery, Benicia.

The Fathers and Brothers of the Province extend their sympathy to the Rev. A. T. Muller, O.P., on the death of his brother.

On March 17, at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, the Most Rev. Hugh A. Donohoe, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, ordained the following Brothers to the Subdiaconate: Vincent Foerster, Raymond Persons, Louis Robinson, Peter Miles, Hilary Burke, Louis Carter, Peter Otillio, Francis Shaw, Ferrer Ryan, Aquinas O'Leary; to the Orders of Porter and Lector: Finbar Hayes, Terence Holachek and Bernard O'Riley.

PROVINCE OF SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT

The Very Rev. M. T. McCain, O.P., was re-elected prior of Blessed Sacrament Priory, Madison, Wis.

The Fathers and Brothers of the Province wish to extend their sympathy to Bro. Matthew Hynous, O.P., on the recent death of his father.

At Saint Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minnesota, the following laybrothers made simple profession into the hands of the Very Rev. George Kinsella, O.P., Prior: On February 22, 1956, Bros. Terence


On March 7, 1956, the Rev. I. M. Bochenski, O.P., visiting Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, lectured to the students at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, on contemporary Philosophy since 1947.

On March 23, 1956, Professor Geiling, Head of the Department of Pharmacology at the University of Chicago, lectured to the students. On April 13, 1956, the Rev. A. R. Zarlenga, O.P., lectured at the House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, on The Art of Fra Angelico.

The Rev. A. J. Van Noenen, O.P., and the Rev. P. J. Houlihan, O.P., have been sent recently to Bolivia, South America.


From April 7, 1956, to April 10, 1956, exercises were held at the House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, in honor of St. Vincent Ferrer. The Rev. M. C. Breen, O.P., preached a Triduum on April 7, 8, and 9, 1956. The Rev. A. G. Rock, O.P., preached the sermon at the Solemn High Mass on April 10, 1956, feast of St. Vincent Ferrer.

On April 6, 1956, the finals in the annual Saint Vincent Ferrer Oratorical Contest were held. Winners were: Bros. Kilian O'Malley, O.P., Roger Alcorn, O.P., George Nintemann, O.P., Innocent Hartmann, O.P., Conrad McElroy, O.P., and Mark Leur, O.P. The judges were the Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial, the Very Rev. L. F. Vander Heyden, O.P., P.G., and the Rev. S. F. Redmond, O.P.
SISTER'S CHRONICLE

St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tennessee

Six pupils of St. Cecilia Academy were received into the Third Order of St. Dominic, in a solemn ceremony held in the Academy chapel on April 12. Five pupils made their profession as members of the Third Order of St. Dominic on May 13.

The piano auditions sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers were held at St. Cecilia Academy on May 3 and 4. Miss Garnet Manges, of Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, was the adjudicator. Sister Anastasia, head of the music department of the Academy, is a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

Miss Margaret Rowe, Ph.D., of Terra Haute, Indiana, a distinguished member of the St. Cecilia Academy Alumnae, and now head of the Department of Speech at the University of Indiana, was the principal speaker at the Alumnae Day celebration held at St. Cecilia Academy on May 19.

Sister Mary James Alsobrook, O.P., and Sister Mary George Barrett, O.P., received the Bachelor's Degree at the commencement held at Siena College, Memphis, on May 26.

The ninety-sixth annual commencement of St. Cecilia Academy was held in the Academy chapel on the morning of June 1. The Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., celebrated the commencement Mass, and the Rev. Thomas F. Cashin, assistant chancellor of the Nashville diocese, was the speaker.

Mother Joan of Arc, O.P., Prioress General of the St. Cecilia Congregation, has announced that St. Cecilia Academy will be transferred from its present location in North Nashville to West Nashville. Plans call for the erection of a new high school building on what is known as the Overbrook property, Harding Road. The new building will probably be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1957. Overbrook School, consisting of a pre-school and an elementary school, which has been in operation since 1936, will continue to operate in its present buildings.

The motherhouse and novitiate of the Nashville Dominicans will remain at the present location in North Nashville.

With the approbation and encouragement of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas J. Toolen, D.D., Archbishop of the Mobile-Birmingham Diocese, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation will open a private school in Birmingham, Alabama, in the fall of 1956. The new school, which will be known as St. Rose of Lima School, was made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Terence Mackin, Jr., of Birmingham, and Sister Aloysius Mackin, O.P., Bursar General of the St. Cecilia Congregation. Their former home will be the site of the new school.

Sacred Heart Convent, Houston, Texas

In March, twenty novices at the Motherhouse Chapel received the habit of St. Dominic. Also, during March the science department of Saint Agnes Academy sponsored a diocesan-wide science fair, participated in by elementary and high schools in various areas of the diocese. Many excellent exhibits were presented.

On April 28th the doors of the beautiful new lounge of the Sacred Heart Dominican College were opened for the first time for a panel discussion group participated in by state and diocesan education officials together with college supervisors on student teaching, principals and cooperating teachers working in the college program of student teaching. The formal opening of the College's new Administration Building and the new Dormitory is scheduled for the Feast of the Sacred Heart,
June 8th. On this beautiful Feast, also, nineteen postulants, some of whom are students in the College, will receive the Dominican habit.

The teaching sisters in the Houston area recently enjoyed a seminar, True Devotion to our Blessed Mother, conducted by Rev. Denis M. McAuliff, O.P., and Rev. Roger M. Charest, S.M.M.

During the coming summer session of Sacred Heart Dominican College special features will be courses offered in the Philosophy of Curriculum with workshops in the fields of natural and social sciences directed by Sister Aquinas, O.S.F., Sister Juletta, O.S.F., and Sister Ellen Marie, O.S.F. Sister Paulana, S.S.N.D., will direct a group working on an improved developmental reading program.

**Our Lady of the Elms, Akron 13, Ohio**

On February 22, Sister M. William, O.P., traveled to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, accompanied by senior student, Jacqueline Arapakis, to accept, in the name of Our Lady of the Elms School, the Freedoms Foundation and George Washington medals which were awarded to the school for its entries.


Mother M. Rosalia, O.P., Sister M. Bernice, O.P., and Sister M. Dominica, O.P., attended the NCEA Convention at St. Louis during Easter Week.

Mother M. Clare, O.P., Sister M. Bernice, O.P., Sister M. Monica, O.P., and Sister M. Loretta, O.P., attended the meeting of the North Central Association of High Schools and Colleges which was held in Chicago on April 9-13.

**Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Union City, New Jersey**

A ceremony of Reception to the Holy Habit took place on Sunday, May 6, after Compline had been sung by the Sisters. The Postulant, Miss Barbara Kearney, received the name of Sister Anne Mary of the Trinity. Rev. Thomas Mullaney, O.P., acted as delegate for His Excellency, Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, D.D.

St. Dominic's Chapter of men's Tertiaries held their annual Communion Breakfast at the Convent Tertiary Hall. Rev. Francis N. Wendell, O.P., Provincial Director, was celebrant of the Mass and speaker at the Breakfast. The Mass was sung by the Sisters.

On April 17 a solemn High Mass was celebrated in honor of Mother M. Clare, O.P., Priorress. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Hubert Arliss, O.P.

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

On January 27 Sister Gabriel Clarke died in Saint Catharine Hospital, McCook, Nebraska, in her thirty-fifth year in religion. Sister Fidelis Thompson died February 16 in her forty-ninth year of religious profession. Sister Louis Bertrand Lancaster died on February 22 in her fifty-seventh year of profession. On April 14 Sister Laura Marie Smith, professed on her death bed, died at Mary Immaculate Hospital, Lebanon, Kentucky. R.I.P.

The Most Rev. Charles G. Maloney, D.D., dedicated Holy Rosary Academy, Louisville, on February 5 and the new school in Campbellsville, Kentucky on April
15. The Rev. M. S. Willoughby, O.P., Mother Mary Julia and Sister Margaret Elizabeth were among the many priests and sisters present.

On the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas the Rev. Mathew Morry, O.P., addressed the assembled community and student body on the Angelic Doctor, Saint and Scholar. Sisters Therese Martin and Edward Mary discussed, according to Thomistic disputation principles, God's being present in everything by His power, presence and essence.

Sisters Rose of Lima, Catharine Gertrude, Mary Anthony, Clarita, Angeline, Patricia, Theodore, Ignatia, Mary Emily, Marie Theresa, Muriel, Rose Rita, Cornelius, Mary Martin and Cleophas attended the N.C.E.A. in St. Louis, April 3-6.

Sister Anne Mary was present at the National Philosophical Convention held in Cincinnati on April 3rd.

Sisters Alberta and Theresina participated in the Annual Convention of the KEA held in Louisville.

In mid-April Sisters Julita and Mary Agnes attended the Blue Grass Nurses Convention held in Lexington.

During April Sisters Clara and Angelica spent two weeks at the Georgetown Hospital Laboratory, Washington, D.C., for research work.

On April 17 a Committee of eight, appointed by the State Board of Education, began a three-day study of the Teacher Training Department of the College.


In April, Sister Paschala attended the Catholic Writers Guild in Chicago and Sisters Paracleta and Jean Marie represented the community at the Lexington Foreign Language Convention.

June 3 is Baccalaureate Sunday and on June 4, at the one hundred thirty-third Commencement, the Rev. Matthew Morry, O.P., will confer the diplomas, and the Rev. James Davis, O.P., will deliver the address.

Sister Engelbert will attend the Institute for Hospital Food Supervisors at Fontbonne College, St. Louis, June 18-July 6.

Sisters Evangelista Murphy, Augustine Grannigar, Hugh Francis Garey will celebrate the silver anniversary of their religious profession on the Feast of Saint Dominic.

St. Catherine's Motherhouse, Kenosha, Wisconsin

His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch was recently named protector of our Congregation by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

On February 11th Sister M. a'Kempis and Sister M. Patrick celebrated their silver jubilee at Sacred Heart Hospital, Hanford, California. The Rev. John Kane, O.P., was celebrant of the Mass for this occasion. Sister M. Brendan also celebrated the silver jubilee of her religious profession at Holy Rosary Hospital, Ontario, Oregon at the same time.

Each of our four hospitals received grants from the Ford Foundation.

Congregation of Saint Dominic, Blauvelt, Rockland County, New York

On April 4, Rev. Mother M. Geraldine, Mother M. Magdalen, Sister M. Geronima and Sister Mary Grace participated in the ceremony of the dedication of the Mother Magdalen Memorial Wing at St. Joseph's Hospital, Kingston, Jamaica,
British West Indies. His Lordship, Most Rev. John J. McElney, S.J., D.D., Bishop of Kingston, placed the cornerstone and blessed the building. Lady Foot, wife of His Excellency the Governor, officially declared the building open. The Mother Magdalen Memorial is the new maternity wing of St. Joseph's general hospital, the only Catholic one on the Island of Jamaica. This Hospital is conducted by our Sisters.

On May 13, His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman, dedicated three new buildings at St. Dominic's, Blauvelt, New York. One of these is Dominican Junior College which provides a three-year teacher training curriculum leading to the degree of Associate of Applied Science. The second is the St. Catherine of Siena wing of the main building which includes on the ground floor a spacious library and librarian's workshop. On the first floor there are five administrative offices for college and community business and also a spacious conference room and two guest rooms. The second floor is the infirmary floor; the two floors above provide rooms and dormitories. St. Pius X Hall, the third building, houses an assembly hall, student dormitories, and faculty quarters.

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

Mother Christina Marie with Sister Miriam Patricia, Sister Mary Vincent and Sister Margaret Michael represented Mt. St. Mary College, Newburgh, at the eighty-eighth Convocation of the Board of Regents in Albany.

Rev. Gerald B. King, O.P., offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and gave the address following the Communion breakfast on Alumnae Day, May 5, at Mt. St. Mary. Forty-four seniors were received into the Alumnae Association that day.

His Excellency the Most Rev. T. J. McDonnell, D.D., co-adjutor bishop of Wheeling, West Va., will preside at the Mt. St. Mary Academy Graduation on June 1. On May 30 he will also bless the "Coronation Carillon" which thereafter will carry to all parts of the building and campus the message of the Angelus. Richard Reid, Knight of St. Gregory, editor of the Archdiocesan newspaper, The Catholic News, will give the address at the Commencement.

Mother Christina Marie will attend the Dedication ceremonies of the Priory and Studium of St. Rose of Lima, Dubuque, on June 4. All the Dominican Mothers General will be the guests of Mother Mary Benedicta, O.P., and her community until June 6 and will be present at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which will be offered by His Paternity the Most Rev. Michael Browne in the Motherhouse chapel of Santa Clara Convent on June 6.

Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, Mariandale, Ossining, New York

His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney dedicated the chapel and blessed the new convent of St. Ann in Detroit, Michigan, on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Archbishop Urban J. Vehr, D.D., dedicated the new chapel recently erected at our Corpus Christi convent in Denver, Colorado, on Saturday, April 21st.

A Day of Recollection for nurses was held at Mariandale, Ossining, New York, on April 22nd. Father John Mulroy of Stepinac High School conducted the exercises which were attended by nurses from Misericordia Hospital, Hunter College, and the College of Mt. St. Vincent.

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Donohue, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, presided at the ceremony of profession and reception on May 2nd. Five Sisters were professed and four postulants received the habit of St. Dominic.
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Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary, Mission San Jose, California

On Monday, May 7, the Sisters at the Motherhouse bade farewell to Mother Mary Pius, O.P., and her companion, who left Mission San Jose for a three-month European trip in the interests of the congregation.

The dedication of the new chapel and infirmary wing located on the Motherhouse grounds took place on Trinity Sunday, May 27. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe, D.D., of San Francisco officiated at the ceremonies.

The second community retreat of the year was conducted at the Motherhouse from June 12 to 19 by the Rev. Gerald Vann, O.P.

On Tuesday, June 19, twelve postulants received the habit of St. Dominic. Rev. Stanley J. Reilly of Los Altos, officiated at the ceremony. He was assisted by the Very Rev. Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Motherhouse chaplain.

Six sisters of the Community pronounced their final vows on Sunday morning, June 24. The ceremony, at which Rev. V. V. Fontana, O.P., officiated, was preceded by a Solemn High Mass.

Summer Sessions at Queen of the Holy Rosary College were formally opened on Monday, June 25, with a Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost. Dr. Frederick D. Wilhelmsen of Santa Clara University addressed the students and faculty of the college that same evening.

Congregation of the Sacred Heart, Caldwell, New Jersey

Mother Mary Joseph, O.P., foundress and President of Caldwell College for Women, died of a heart ailment on March 30.

Born in Boonton, the daughter of John and Margaret Dunn, Mother Mary Joseph entered the Dominican Order in June, 1902, and made her vows in August, 1904. Mother Joseph was appointed Mother General of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell in 1927 and continued in that office until 1945 when she assumed the school's presidency. Mother also had been the sisters' directress of studies from 1915 to 1923.

Mother Mary Joseph, who majored in history, receiving a B.A. from Catholic University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in history from Fordham University, collaborated on a series of histories for parochial grade schools.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered in the Convent Chapel on April 3rd for the repose of her soul; Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, D.D., Archbishop of Newark was the celebrant. The Most Rev. Justin McCarthy, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, D.D., Bishop of Paterson, were present together with several Monsignori and other members of the clergy. Religious from colleges and convents in the Metropolitan area attended. Burial was in the convent cemetery. The Eulogy was preached by Rev. Msgr. William F. Furlong of Seton Hall University.

Fifty-three students of Mt. St. Dominic Academy received certificates of acceptance for their poems submitted to the National High School Poetry Association. Certificates of special merit were awarded to three students. These poems will appear in the Spring and Fall editions of the National Anthology of High School Poetry.

Sister M. Rosemund, O.P., and Sister Elizabeth Thomas, O.P., of the Mount St. Dominic High School Faculty attended a meeting of New Jersey Secondary School Educators in Princeton. Sister M. Anna Daniel, O.P., also of the High School Faculty, served on an evaluating committee of the Middle States Association at West Orange High School.
Sister Mildred Mary, O.P., and Sister Mary Celine, O.P., trained the students from Mt. St. Dominic Academy who participated in the Demonstration Mass which was held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, N. J., on May 14.

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

Students from Sacred Heart Academy have received the following awards; first and second place and an honorable mention in the diocesan C.Y.O. Essay Contest; first, second and third place and an honorable mention in a Safety Poster Contest sponsored by the Order of United Commercial Travelers; a certificate of merit given by the National Merit School; a scholarship from the Scholarship Board for the National Honor Society; fourteen poems accepted by the National High School Poetry Anthology.

Sister Ida Marie, O.P., community supervisor of schools, served as a co-ordinator at the supervisors’ meeting which met in connection with the NCEA in St. Louis.

Sacred Heart Convent campus was the setting for the annual CYO May day celebration on Sunday, May 6. Students from the academy participated in the living rosary.

The sisters from the diocese were the guests of His Excellency, the Most Rev. William A. O'Connor, D.D., on May 25 at the new Diocesan Latin School.

Mother M. Imelda, O.P., and Sister M. Ceslaus, O.P., attended the solemn dedication of St. Christina Church, Chicago, May 27.

Sisters M. Gratian McGinnins, O.P., and M. Clementine Enig, O.P., have died recently. R.I.P.

Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, New York

At the Diocesan Teachers’ Meetings, held in March at Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, Mother M. Loretta Dolores, O.P., read a paper, entitled “Teaching the Daily Religion Lesson.”

At the Roundtables held in April at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Sister Mary Thomas engaged in a panel discussion on the value of television in the high school English program.

Sister M. Talitha, O.P., was guest speaker at the Science Meeting held at Mount St. Vincent College, Riverdale, New York.

Mother M. Dorothy, O.P., President of the Catholic Business Education Association read a paper at the National Convention held in St. Louis during Easter week. Many Sisters of the Congregation attended.

Sister M. Adalbert, O.P., acted as Chairman of the first meeting of the Catholic Business Association held in Puerto Rico. Sister Albertus Marie and Sister Miriam also participated in the program.

On May 4, Rev. Mother M. Bernadette de Lourdes, O.P., Prioress General, and Mother M. Rose Gertrude, O.P., Dean of Molloy Catholic College for Women, were present at the 88th Convocation of College Presidents, held in Albany, N. Y.

Rev. Mother M. Adelaide, O.P., and Sister Margaret Marie, O.P., attended the Hospital Convention held in Milwaukee during the month of May.

In the interests of Dominican vocations to the Sisterhood, the vocational film of the Congregation was featured more than forty times at the vocation rallies held in the four counties of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. James W. Asip, Associate Director of the Propagation of the Faith in Brooklyn, presented a film on the missions to the novitiate at the recent meeting of the Blessed Francis Capillas Mission Unit.

On May 27, the Sisters at St. Michael’s Parish, Brooklyn, attended the blessing
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and dedication of St. Michael’s District Commercial High School and the Father Paschal Memorial Hall.

Sisters Blanche Marguerite, Paula and Venantia died recently. R.I.P.

Congregation of Saint Mary, New Orleans, Louisiana

During Easter week Sisters Mary Beatrice and Austin attended the annual meeting of the Catholic Renaissance Society in New York; Sister Mary Vincent attended the American Philosophical Association Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio and Sisters Mary Peter, Clare, Alexaidia, Alice, de Lourdes, Louise, Carmel and Hildegarde attended the National Catholic Educational Association Convention held in St. Louis.


On June 1, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry Bezou, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Schools, delivered the address at the Graduation Exercises of St. Mary’s Dominican High School, and the Most Rev. Louis Abel Caillouet, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans conferred the honors.

June 5-14, Rev. Dominic Tamburello, O.P., conducted the spring retreat in Rosaryville, the House of the Novitiate. At the close of the retreat twelve postulants received the Dominican Habit, six novices made Temporary Profession and seven sisters took their Perpetual Vows.

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

Twelve Sisters will celebrate their Silver Jubilee this spring: Sisters Amadea, Aiden, Eugene, Canice, Ricarda, Rose Miriam, Rita Clare, Mary George, Jeannette, Francis Marie, Audrey, and Celine.

Commencement Week speakers have been announced by Sister Angelita and Sister Lucia for the respective colleges. At St. Mary of the Springs the Most Rev. John King Mussio, D.D., Bishop of Steubenville, will give the Commencement address. The Very Rev. Matthew Hanley, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph’s Somerset, Ohio, will give the Baccalaureate sermon. At Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn., the Most Rev. Lawrence J. Shehan, D.D., Bishop of Bridgeport, will be the Commencement speaker. The Very Rev. Thomas F. Conlan, O.P., P.G., of St. Mary’s, New Haven, will give the Baccalaureate sermon.

The Very Rev. Philip Mulhern, O.P., preached the Reception Retreat at the Motherhouse in May. Bishop Ready bestowed the habit on 21 postulants on May 10.

Sister M. Amelia, O.P., Ph.D., chairman of the French Department at the College of St. Mary of the Springs, is the new president of the Ohio Modern Language Teachers Association.

Sister Myra Lund, O.P., died at the Motherhouse on May 3 in the forty-first year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

The College of St. Mary of the Springs share of the money raised by solicitation of Business and Industry by the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges amounted this year to over $20,000.

Sister M. Estelle, O.P., of the Albertus Magnus College English Department, is translating from the Italian a book by Dr. Vittorio Ceroni, professor at New
York University and Hunter College. The book is a biography of Mafalda, a modern holy woman of the Savoy family who was martyred in 1944 at the Buchenwald Concentration Camp. The book in Italian and Sisters translation will be published simultaneously by the New York University Press.

**Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit, Michigan**

Rev. Dominic Moreau, O.P., Missionary from the Belgian Congo, was the guest of the Monastery during Holy Week and conducted all the Holy Week services.


April 2, 1956, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, Michigan. On that date in 1906, seven Dominican Nuns from the Monastery of St. Dominic in Newark, N. J., under the leadership of Mother Mary Emmanuel, arrived in Detroit to begin their life of Eucharistic adoration and contemplation. A Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving commemorated the actual date of the foundation. Representatives of most of the sisterhoods in the archdiocese were present. On this occasion the plans for the relocation of the Monastery to a site more conformable to canon law and the Constitutions, were made public.


On April 9th, the Infant of Prague Guild attended a Holy Hour in our Chapel in grateful memory of the First Mass said for the Cloistered Dominican Nuns in Detroit.

On April 15th another Holy Hour was held in thanksgiving for the commencement of Perpetual Adoration in our community.

April 19th concluded the festivities with a Solemn High Mass Coram Cardinali. The Rt. Rev. A. Matyn officiated. Rev. John Van Antwerp, grand-nephew of the late Rt. Rev. Francis Van Antwerp who was our greatest friend and benefactor in the early days of the foundation, preached the sermon. After the Mass, His Eminence, Cardinal Mooney spoke briefly on the sublimity of our religious vocation. Nine seminarians from Duns Scotus College formed the choir for the Mass of thanksgiving in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

The Community of the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace continues to thrive in the County Home in West Haven, although circumstances are quite a bit different than they were back in North Guilford before the fire. Despite the unusual situation, the new liturgy of Holy Week was followed in its entirety.

The first ceremony to be held at West Haven was a Memorial Mass for the three nuns who died in the fire. It took place on January 28. Rev. John B. Mulgrew, O.P., former chaplain for the nuns, sang the High Mass and gave the sermon. About forty relatives of Sr. Mary Constance of Jesus (Suave), O.P., and Sr. Mary Dolores of the holy Angels (McGuire), O.P., crowded into the tiny bit of space around the altar in the "public" chapel. Relatives of Sr. Mary Regina of the Rosary (Roach), O.P., lived at too great a distance to attend.
On March 19, the four postulants of pre-fire days received the Habit. On the night of the fire their unquestioning obedience saved their lives. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vincent J. Hines, Vicar of Religious, presided; Father Mulgrew sang the High Mass; Father Dominic Hughes, O.P., gave the sermon. Father Reginald Craven, O.P., Chaplain, was Master of Ceremonies. The postulants received the names of Sister Mary, Sister Mary Dolores of Jesus Crucified, Sister Mary John of the Cross, and Sister Mary Frances Therese of the Child Jesus.

On May 12, Sr. Mary Clare Patrick of Jesus, O.P., made profession of temporary vows.

Very Rev. Mother Monica of Jesus, O.P., was elected Prioress on April 13.

The Most Rev. Henry J. O’Brien, D.D., Archbishop of Hartford presided at the election, and gave a most heartening talk to the Community, assuring them that he and the Archdiocese have felt the support of their prayers since the early days of the foundation. Archbishop O’Brien has done everything possible to alleviate the difficulties of the Community since the fire. His personal donation of $10,000 gave great impetus to the Building Fund. His efforts obtained the nuns’ fine temporary quarters. His personal visits have been a comforting psychological support. The Community has also had helpful visits from the Most Rev. John F. Hackett, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vincent J. Hines, Vicar of Religious, and other members of both the Regular and secular clergy.

On Sunday, May 20, the annual Coronation Pilgrimage to Our Lady took place at the Monastery grounds in North Guilford. Through the generous cooperation of the Southern New England Telephone Company, the singing of the nuns in their West Haven chapel was heard by the pilgrims in North Guilford, and the services in North Guilford were all heard by the nuns in West Haven. The pilgrimage was broadcast on TV Channel 8 by Station WNHC on Monday.