



FATHER IGNATIUS SMITH, O.P.

TESTIMONIAL



ON APRIL 7, Father Ignatius Smith, O.P., Dean of the School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America, was honored at a testimonial banquet on the completion of 50 years service to the University. The Cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, conferred on Father Smith by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, was presented by Archbishop A. G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. "For distinguished and meritorious services to the Roman Catholic Church, the United States of America, and the Catholic University of America" Father Smith was awarded the Cardinal Gibbons medal, highest award of the Catholic University Alumni Association, by J. F. Kenney, National Alumni President. Other awards included a gift from the American Catholic Philosophical Association, presented by the Rev. C. A. Hart, National Secretary. A bronze bust of the honored guest was presented to the Catholic University by Monsignor P. J. O'Connor, Director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, on behalf of the University alumni. Many spiritual bouquets were also received by Father Smith, who in the Fall will assume a newly created post at the University as Dean of Religious Communities, acting as liaison between the Most Rev. B. J. McEntegart, Rector, and the scores of religious communities surrounding the University. Speakers at the testimonial included Ambassador J. J. Hearne of Ireland, Judge E. M. Curran of the United States District Court, the Most Rev. J. M. McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Archbishop Cicognani, and Bishop McEntegart, all of whom paid tribute to the wisdom, personality, and influence for good of one who has been aptly characterized as "an institution within an institution." *Dominicana* extends to Father Smith its heartfelt congratulations.