ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE


On June 16, at St. Rose's Church, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, the Most Rev. J. P. Davis, Bishop of San Juan, Puerto Rico, ordained Father Francis Fontanez (Province of Holland) to the Priesthood. Fr. Fontanez pursued his philosophical and theological studies in St. Joseph's Province.


On June 20, Bro. Pius McCormick, O.P., lay brother, made his simple Profession into the hands of Fr. Nagle.

**VISITATOR**


**DEDICATION**

On April 28, St. Dominic’s Church, Youngstown, Ohio was blessed and dedicated. The Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial, laid the cornerstone and conducted the blessing and dedication ceremonies. The Most Rev. E. M. Walsh, D.D., bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, celebrated a Pontifical Mass.

**MEMORIAL MASSES**

The late Rev. H. I. Smith, O.P., former Dean of Religious at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., was remembered in April with special Month’s Mind Masses. A Mass of Requiem was offered for him by the Most Rev. B. J. McEntegart, Rector of Catholic University, in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the University Campus. The Society of the Atonement in connection with the Washington Retreat House where Fr. Smith was a friend, adviser and retreat master for many years also offered a memorial Mass for the repose of his soul.

**THEOLOGY COURSES**

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, Philadelphia, Pa.; Our Lady of Prouille, Elkins Park, Pa.; Mary Manse College, Toledo, Ohio; Mt. Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Nazareth College, Louisville, Ky.; Mt. St. Mary, Newburgh, N. Y.; Notre Dame of Maryland College, Baltimore, Md.; St. Catherine’s Convent, St. Catherine’s, Ky.; St. John’s University, Brooklyn, N. Y.; St. John’s College, Cleveland, Ohio; St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio; Mt. St. Joseph College, Mt. St. Joseph on the Ohio, Cincinnati, 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.; Albertus Magnus, New Haven, Conn.; St. Joseph Motherhouse, Baden, Pa.; Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, Oxford, Mich.; St. Joseph’s Convent, Saint Mary’s Pa.; Siena College, Memphis, Tenn.; Villa Maria, West Chester, Pa.; St. Joseph’s Sisters, Watertown, N. Y.; and Providence College, Providence, R. I.
ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Twenty-sixth Annual Oratorical Contest, held by the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade of the Archdiocese of Washington, called on Student Brothers from the House of Studies in Washington, D.C. to judge the contest. The semi-finals were judged by Brothers Fabian Sheehy O.P., and Valerian LaFrance, O.P. Bro. Fabian was also one of the judges for the finals.

MISSION ACADEMIA

The spring elections of the mission society were held at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., early in April. The following officers were elected: Bro. Gerard Austin, O.P., President; Bro. Terence Reilly, O.P., Delegate; and Bro. Robert Reid, O.P., Recording Secretary. In accord with the Holy Father's special mission intention for the month of May, the Church in Pakistan, the society stressed this intention in its prayer crusade, having particularly in mind the work being done there by the missionary Fathers of this Province.

FOREIGN CHRONICLE

FRA ANGELICO

A necessary and important step in the process of canonization of John of Fiesole (Fra Angelico) has been taken. Urged by the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., while acting as Vicar General of the Order, and by the Order's General Chapter in 1955, the Sacred Congregation has appointed His Eminence Celsus Constantini to investigate the cause of Fra Angelico.

SWITZERLAND

The Dominican Convent of Zoffingen in Constance, Switzerland, observed its 700th anniversary in the month of April.

ROME

The Very Rev. Luigi Ciappi, O.P., Master of the Sacred Palace at the Vatican and theological adviser to the Holy Father, observed the silver jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood in the Church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva in Rome.

MISSION CHRONICLE

The reception accorded the new Mission Chronicle in the last issue was very enthusiastic. Excerpts from letters will continue to be published to give Dominicana readers a better idea of mission life and activity in the Province's mission fields of Pakistan and Lebanon.

PAKISTAN

The lonely life of the missionary often inverts what would be the normal schedule of a priest in a city parish. Eleven-thirty at night is no time to write, especially with two hundred miles of desert road to cover on the morrow. But it has been better than a month since seeing another priest, let alone a good hour of bantering conversation. The advantages of our community life come fast into focus. The utter vastness of missionary territory makes it impossible for the mission priest to cover all his duties well. Thus a prime requisite when opening a new mission is the employment of catechists who serve in innumerable ways to lighten the priests' overwhelming burden. Their aid is invaluable, but they also need special attention.
The catechists are having their one day’s spiritual retreat this week. Fr. Louis Pinto, O.P., a native of India, is the retreat master. We have sixteen teachers, called catechists, who teach the Catholic doctrine to the people scattered throughout the 35,000 square miles under our care. Each catechist has a bicycle but the distances are vast and the roads sandy. They prepare the people for Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation; they also witness a marriage if the priest cannot reach the place on the appointed date. The catechist is a high school graduate, who takes a special course of catechetical studies for one year. Each month they gather in the central mission house for religious instruction and recollection.

The work of the catechist is completed by the priest who administers the sacraments for which the catechist has prepared the natives.

Our recent tour in the Sadiqabad area took six days. Again God crowned our efforts with numerous Baptisms, Confessions, Holy Communions, Last Anointings and even a few Confirmations. There was one old lady, a century old they said, all of whose descendants were Catholics. She expressed a desire to die in the Church. So after some instruction by the catechist, we baptized her, heard her confession, confirmed her and gave her the apostolic blessing. We were unable to give her Viaticum, but if she is alive on our next trip and is capable of receiving, we shall do so.

The new mission territory has had its first Confirmation tour. Bishop F. B. Cialeo, O.P., D.D., has the real missionary spirit; he traveled to every section of our desert section to give Confirmation to the scattered Catholics. Confirmation was given in twelve ‘centers’ in various sections of the 35,000 square miles. The number of Confirmations averaged over 30 in each of the twelve places visited. During the eight day tour, 401 Catholics were Confirmed. Each Confirmation visit took exactly three hours; so each morning we began at 8 A.M. I registered the names of each, then the Bishop examined each candidate; after which Fr. Putz heard the Confessions. Then began the Mass and all received Communion. The Bishop gave the sermon, and then the Confirmation. We ate at noon. We immediately travelled to the next place to begin again. The afternoon session ended at 6 P.M. Then followed open discussions plus the care of the sick. Bishop Cialeo was highly satisfied with the work being done in our part of the Diocese of Multan. We had 18 more Baptisms during those eight days, so that brings the Baptismal record up to 466, since we began the work in August of last year. Of those baptized 190 were adults.

But the work is only just beginning. Fr. Westwater gives us some idea of what is yet to be done.

My travels took me to Dhera Ghayi Khan. Next to Bahawalpur it is the ripest fruit in our vineyard. Where else in the world is there a city of 60,000 or more people that has never seen a priest? My mission there is strictly on the scouting lines; get acquainted with the potentialities (excellent) and learn about acquisition, at a reasonable rate, of land. It is an area that would fast hold me if Loreto weren’t to the north. Whoever comes in the next five years will be sure to get assigned there, and every inch is virgin territory.

There is also an abundance of extra-sacramental work.
Fr. Luke has returned from the hospital in Rawalpindi last month and has set up a dispensary in Bahawalpur. His fee for those who can afford it is two annas (2¢ U.S.), with medicine in most cases gratis. Several times we have been out on tour together. At such times with his medical work added to the work of administering the Sacraments, a day of 24 hours is all too short. In one village a man was so grateful that he insisted on giving us a fine goat. So we had an extra passenger in the jeep.

Many of the duties really try the ingenuity of the missionary.

The business of being village lomberdar (mayor) calls into play every ounce of wit and wisdom that a man has. A week ago one of the village lads came in and complained about the marriage his father was arranging for the next day. I can honestly say she was no beauty. That evening we called in the father and asked him about his cows. He prided himself on them. When he took pains to tell how he looked over many before making a choice, we pulled the string and asked him if he didn’t think a man should have the same freedom in choosing a wife. He is now looking into the possibility of a marriage for his son with one of the village queens his son suggested.

Now that the heat of summer is upon them, new problems must also be tackled and solved.

The candles on the altar have no firmness; they swoon in the heat. Bro. Thomas Aquinas solved the problem by using empty tin cans. He made tubes the size of the candles and painted them to look like candles. Oil is put into the tubes and with the help of a wick, the result is perfect.

But there are also moments of less fatiguing activity, such as this scene.

One of our benefactors sent a gross of balloons, the type you see at circuses and carnivals. They were sensational here. The four footers and the huge rabbit ears are something no kid in Pakistan has ever seen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES IN PAKISTAN

LEBANON

The Lebanon area of mission activity presents an altogether different aspect of mission life. Here there is a highly civilized culture combining Eastern and Western life. Beirut itself is a curious mixture of East and West in appearance and customs. Drinks range from the inevitable Coca-Cola to the native Arac; the man in a Western business suit stands next to one in baggy Turkish pants; the Frenchmen in beret watches a native chase his fez blown off by a sudden gust of wind; a modern American motion picture is shown side by side with one from Egypt; the church bells chime over the sound of the Moslem muezzin chanting from the minaret the call to prayer (they have added loud speakers since I was last here to add to the cacophony); autos of all sizes and ages honk their horns with or without reason (I think they have their horns instead of brakes tested once a year); the streets in town are narrow and winding—no street seems to run in a straight line anywhere in town (it looks like an Oriental Boston) and after a rain storm they are slippery and messy; houses have no numbers and are known by the names of their original owners; street names add to the confusion as the same street often has at least three names and a number: the name
given by the French during their mandate here, the native name, and the more recent Arabic name given by the government; as to the numbers—several years ago they decided to simplify everything by numbering the streets and took down street signs and put up numbers, but nobody could remember the numbers, so now many streets merely have numbers whose significance no one knows. Linguistically, you name the language and we have it—French, German, English, Dutch, Kurdish, Turkish, Arabic, Armenian, etc. Cough once and someone will start a conversation; it means something in some language. As to religions, we have the Orthodox, Catholic, Moslem, and a sprinkling of Protestants including the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

The work of the Lebanon personnel, as yet in early stages, follows closely the duties of the American parish priest.

On April 8, we opened the Mission at St. Charles' Chapel and there was a good crowd which we hope will continue until Friday when we will have the closing services. Bishop Smith will give the sermon and Apostolic Benediction on the last night. Please pray that it will be a spiritual success.

A more recent letter testified to the success of this Mission.

To increase the scope of their apostolate:
We have started taking instructions in French from a young man who teaches at International College. At the present time we are in varying degrees of progress. Before long the natives will be learning English out of self defence. Once French has been mastered perhaps we will take a stab at Arabic.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES IN LEBANON

HOLY NAME PROVINCE

ORDINATIONS
Ordination to the Sub-diaconate was conferred upon Brother Finbar Hayes by the Most Rev. Merlin J. Guilfoyle, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, in ceremonies at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park. Minor Orders of Acolyte and Exorcist were received in the same ceremonies by Brothers Mark McPhee, Eugene Sousa, Paul Scanlon, Ambrose Toomey, and Cyril Harney, Brother Cletus Kiefer was ordained to the Orders of Porter and Lector.

PROFESSION
On March 25, the Very Rev. H. F. Ward, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies, received the simple profession of Lay-Brother Michael O'Hara in the convent chapel.

NECROLOGY
Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Dominic's Church, Benicia, on May 1 for the repose of the soul of Brother John Beckett, Lay-Brother tertiary, who died on April 27. He was assigned to St. John Vianney High School, Los Angeles. Rev. J. D. Fearon, O.P., was celebrant; Very Rev. P. K. Meagher, O.P., was Deacon; and Rev. P. J. Kelly, O.P., was Sub-deacon. The Mass was followed with interment in the Dominican cemetery, Benicia.

NEW APPOINTMENT
The Rev. Gregory Anderson, O.P., was recently appointed Pastor of St. Peter Martyr's Church, Pittsburg.
Three distinguished guests recently visited the House of Studies: Father Damian Lunders, O.P., of the Belgian Province, who is secretary of the Centere Internationale Cinematique, European film rating group; Father Daniel Callus, O.P., Professor in Medieval Studies at Oxford University; and Father John Osterreicher, convert from Judaism and internationally known editor of the annual publication "The Bridge," which is concerned with studies in Judaeo-Christian relations.

PROVINCE OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT


Fraternal congratulations are extended to the Very Rev. Wenceslaus Piec, O.P., who celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a priest on March 30, 1957.


On December 27, 1956, during a joint ordination held at the Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of New Melleray, Dubuque, Iowa, the Most Rev. Leo Binz, Archbishop of Dubuque, conferred the diaconate on Brothers Mannes Gambro, O.P., Ceslaus Krenzke, O.P., Paul MacLeay, O.P., Michael Murphy, O.P., Melchior Wyss, O.P.; and Martin Pino, O.P., for the Province of the Holy Rosary in the Philippines.


At the same ceremony Bishop Lane ordained to the subdiaconate Brothers Walter O'Connell, O.P., Maurice Johnston, O.P., Marcolinus Nouza, O.P., Matthias Walsh, O.P., Austin McGinley, O.P., Thaddeus Sehlinger, O.P., Benedict Meis,

**EVENTS**

On March 10, 1957, the Faculty and Students of the House of Philosophy, River Forest, Illinois, held Scholastic Exercises in honor of St. Thomas. Bro. Valerian Thomas, O.P., read a paper entitled: *The Christendom of Jacques Maritain*. In the scholastic disputation Bro. Donald Pikell, O.P., defended the thesis: "Created Separated Substances Are Also to Be Treated in Metaphysics, and Indeed Properly." Bro. Benjamin Russell, O.P., was the objector. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Bro. Innocent Hartmann, O.P.

From April 2, 1957, to April 5, 1957, exercises were held at the House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, in honor of St. Vincent Ferrer. The Rev. Charles L. Gainor, O.P., preached a Triduum and also the sermon at the Solemn High Mass on April 5, 1957, the feast of St. Vincent Ferrer.


**MISSIONS**

Fathers Philip Cantlebary, O.P., Urban Goss, O.P., Richard Farmer, O.P., and Gregory Moore, O.P., have been assigned to our missions in Nigeria. Father Cantlebary flew to Africa in May to relieve Father Lewis M. Shea, O.P., in the northern Apostolic Prefecture of Sokoto. The others will follow by boat in September. Father Moore will be stationed at Yaba, Lagos, in the south of Nigeria; Fathers Goss, Farmer, and Moore will travel north to join Father Cantlebary in Sokoto.

**VISITORS**

The Most Rev. Robert Dwyer, Bishop of Reno, was a recent visitor to the Province.

**LECTURE**

On March 1, 1957, the Very Rev. Daniel A. Callus, O.P., S.T.M., Lecturer at the University of Oxford, Professor Emeritus of the University of Malta, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and a leading authority on the Middle Ages, lectured to the students at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, on St. Thomas and St. Albert.

**SISTERS’ CHRONICLE**

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

Mother M. Aloyse, O.P., accompanied by Sister M. Boniface, O.P., attended a meeting of the major superiors of the mid-west region, April 3, at the Conrad-Hilton, Chicago.

During Easter week, Mother Aloyse, O.P., and Sister Charles Ann, O.P., Novice Mistress, will be guests of St. Catherine's, Kentucky, where the Dominican Mothers General Conference will be held.

Sister Angelita, O.P., President of the College, and Sister Ursula Marie, O.P.,
Directress of the Academy, represented St. Mary's at the North Central Association, Palmer House, Chicago.

Spring Retreat, at the Motherhouse, will be conducted by the Very Rev. Bernard C. Werner, O.P.

The Rev. Urban Voll, O.P., of Theology Department read a paper and took part in the discussion when the Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine met at the Statler Hotel, Cleveland, during Easter Week.


The Notre Dame Glee Club of Indiana gave a joint concert with the Glee Club of the College of St. Mary of the Springs, Saturday evening, May 18. Proceeds from the affair will be for the Mother Stephanie Memorial Fund.

Sister Deborah Walsh, a native of New Haven, Connecticut; Sister Albertine O'Connell, of New York; and Sister Zita Zapella, born at Horst-Preussen, Germany; Sister Norberta Dorr of Carlisle, Ohio, and Sister Mary Andrew McLinden died. R.I.P.

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

On March 21, Sister Marie Therese, O.P., made her perpetual Vows in the presence of the Community. The Rev. Edward P. Looney officiated and preached the sermon.

On May 11, Sister Anne Mary of the Trinity, O.P., made her Temporary Profession and Miss Eleanor Lukas received the Habit. Rev. Andrew Ansbro, C.P., officiated and preached the sermon.

The Third Order Chapters that have their headquarters in the Monastery will have their last meeting until September. The men's Chapter will combine the meeting day and Communion Breakfast. Rev. Joseph E. Hyde, O.P., recently released from China, will be the guest speaker and Rev. Thomas A. Mullaney, O.P., will celebrate the Mass.

On April 24, a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated in honor of Mother Mary Clare, O.P., Priress. The Sisters sang the Mass. The Mass was offered on Mother Clare's feast Day, which was transferred because of Holy Week.

St. Catherine of Siena Convent, Fall River, Massachusetts

Work is progressing on an addition to the Motherhouse building, a four-floor section with basement, which will provide new classrooms for Dominican Academy, a faculty lounge for lay teachers, a restroom for high school students, and a guidance room. It will also double the present library space for high school and will extend the convent infirmary. The new construction has become necessary because of increasing enrollment in the academy, especially in the high school section.

Rev. Anselm Vitie, O.P., of Providence College, has been giving monthly conferences to the Sisters of the Motherhouse throughout the year. Father Vitie celebrated the High Mass Commencement Day, June 9, and presided at graduation exercises for high school.

Rev. Godfrey Reilly, C.P., of Scranton, conducted a three-day retreat for students of the academy during Passion Week. On the closing day, Rev. Marcellus White, of the Brighton Passionist Monastery, spoke to the students about present conditions in the formerly flourishing mission fields of China. Fr. White was imprisoned by the Communists in China. He was released during the past year after four years of solitary confinement.
During this school year, senior and junior members of the academy Student Council joined with other high school students of the city, diocesan and public schools, to form the Catholic Students Council of Fall River Organized primarily to provide entertainment for high school students under Catholic auspices, the Council has also conducted holy hours, a Day of Recollection and a closed retreat at Cathedral Camp, North Dartmouth, May 24-26.

Dominican Academy is a charter member in the diocesan Queen of Peace Sodality Union, recently formed Dominican Prefect Louise Chouinard was elected treasurer of the Union at the April 11 meeting.

Senior sodality candidates were received into the academy Sodality of Our Lady of the Rosary on May 31, Feast of the Queenship of Mary; the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin was held the same day. On the feast of St. Catherine of Siena, secondary patron of the sodality, Fr. Donald Belanger, Director, offered a special Mass in the convent chapel for all sodalis and candidates.

Forty-five members of the journalism club, "The Aquinette," attended the Publications Conference for Catholic Schools at Merrimack College, North Andover, May 4, taking part in panel discussions on various phases of newspaper and yearbook work.

The 1957 yearbook, DOMINILOG, features a Dominican theme, "Our School Is a Dominican School," developing the theme through art work and copy, with illustrations from the lives of saints of the Order.

**Our Lady of the Elms, Akron 3, Ohio**


The NCEA Convention held in Milwaukee, April 23-26 was attended by Sisters M. Victor, M. Bernice, M. Dominica, M. Stella, M. Agatha, and M. Eileen, O.P.

During Easter Week Mother M. Rosalía, O.P., and Sister M. Mildred, O.P., attended the Dominican Mothers General Conference held at St. Catharine, Kentucky.

**St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tennessee**

The Rev. Norbert Georges, O.P., of St. Vincent Ferrer’s Priory, New York City, gave an address to the Sisters of the St. Cecilia Convent and the students of the Academy of St. Rose of Lima and Blessed Martin de Porres on April 6, Father Georges illustrated his lecture with slides.

Mrs. Ernest Tibbitts, President of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, and Miss Mabel Wingate, chairman of the Sisters’ Scholarship Fund, were honor guests at a joint meeting of the St. Cecilia and St. Bernard Alumnae Associations held at St. Cecilia Academy on April 11. Miss Helen Werbach, president of the St. Cecilia Alumnae, presided over the meeting and introduced the guests of honor. Miss Evelyn Howington, President of the Tennessee Chapter of the I.F.C.A. spoke of the importance of the Federation, and gave a brief report of the work accomplished by the Tennessee Chapter in past years.

Notre Dame High School, Chattanooga, Tennessee was cited on two occasions
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during the current school year for outstanding work in science. Miss Barbara Conway, sophomore, won a trip to the National Science Fair held in Los Angeles, California, May 9-11, expense-paid, with an opportunity to take part in the National Fair. In the Junior High School division, Notre Dame won a plaque for having the greatest number of prize-winning exhibits.

Sister Hyacinth, O.P., sponsor of the Science Club of Notre Dame High School, Chattanooga, and Sister Mercedes, O.P., teacher in the junior high school department, were also awarded expense-paid trips to the National Science Fair held in Los Angeles.

Mother Joan of Arc, O.P., Prioress General, and Sister Isabel, O.P., Mistress of Novices, attended the biennial meeting of the Dominican Mothers General Conference held at St. Catherine of Siena Convent, St. Catherine, Kentucky, April 25-28.


Homecoming Day, sponsored by the St. Cecilia Alumnae Association, was observed this year on May 18. Mr. A. L. Crabb, professor emeritus of George Peabody College, Nashville, and author of several books of especial interest to Tennesseans, was the guest speaker. Honor guests were the members of the senior class of 1957 of St. Cecilia Academy.

The ninety-seventh annual commencement exercises of St. Cecilia Academy were held in the Academy chapel on the morning of May 31. The commencement Mass was celebrated by The Most Rev. William L. Adrian, O.P., who also presented diplomas and awards to the graduates. The Rev. Paul E. Caldwell, pastor of St. Edward's Church, Nashville, gave the address.

In the fall of 1957, a new era in the history of St. Cecilia Academy will begin, as the historic school will be transferred to its new location on Harding Road in West Nashville.

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, St. Clara Convent, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin

During National Bible Week the Rev. Richard Murphy, O.P., showed slides of the Holy Land and lectured to the Sisters, Novices and Postulants.

On February 24 the Ave Maria Radio Hour presented *The Seed and the Glory*, depicting the life of the Very Rev. Samuel C. Mazzuchelli, O.P., on Station WMCA in New York City. This initial launching began the circuit of four hundred radio stations which will eventually carry the program.

Mother Mary Benedicta and Sister Walter attended the installation of the Most Rev. Lambert Hoch as Bishop of Sioux Falls, S. D.

Bronze statues of the Annunciation group made by Sister Marie Gertrude in Florence, Italy, were blessed at St. Clara on May 25, by the Rev. J. B. Walker, O.P.

On March 11 Sister Mary Nona, president of Edgewood College, Madison, Wis., presented a paper "Religious Aspects in Teaching American History on the Elementary Level" to the American Council on Education meeting at Arden House, Harriman, New York. The meeting's purpose was to discuss religion in public education. Sister Nona was asked to prepare one of the papers to be discussed by the group of sixty-seven members. Representatives of all interested groups were present by invitation of the American Council.

On the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas His Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, gave a scholarly address at Rosary College on *Faith and Reason* in which he appealed for "live, avid, searching minds" among college students, who should learn
to know and imitate St. Thomas. "Truth, which as he teaches, lifts us to share in the Divine Mind, was for him a sacred thing. In the realm of the unknown, St. Thomas was a great proponent of the freedom of the mind," the Cardinal said.

Sister Chrystella, S.D., was buried in the convent cemetery at Sinsinawa on Holy Saturday. Sister Chrystella and her companion, Sister Fidelis, Sisters of the Destitute, came to America from India in August 1954. They spent two years at Rosary College doing pre-med work and in September 1956 enrolled at the Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, residing at St. Jarlath Convent. Sister Chrystella became ill in February and died at Mercy Hospital on Holy Thursday. Because of the distance from their native land funeral services were conducted at St. Clara Convent by three Indian priests who used the Malabar Rite and chanted the Office of the Dead in Syro-Chaldean. Six Sisters from India, students in this country, attended the funeral.

Sisters Mary Colletta, Margaret Rose, Elise, Rosine, Romanus, Alain and Carita died recently. R.I.P.

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

Sister M. Annette, O.P., of San Francisco and Sister M. Louise, O.P., of Pasadena represented the community at the NCEA convention held at Milwaukee, Wisc., April 23-26.

Solemn Holy Week services were held for the first time in the new chapel on the Motherhouse grounds at Mission San Jose. The Very Rev. Benedict M. Blank, O.P., chaplain was celebrant and was assisted at the several functions by the clerics of St. Albert’s College, Oakland.

The first annual community retreat was conducted at the Motherhouse by Rev. Joseph Sanguinetti, O.P., from June 6-13.

On June 13, after a solemn high Mass, eleven postulants received the holy habit of St. Dominic. The Rev. Stanley J. Reilly of Los Altos represented His Excellency Archbishop John J. Mitty and presided at the ceremony.

First and Final Profession ceremonies followed the solemn high Mass celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 23, in the Motherhouse chapel. Rev. Stanley J. Reilly of Los Altos, represented His Excellency, the Archbishop of San Francisco, and presided at the double ceremony. Twelve sisters made their first profession for one year, and eleven sisters pronounced their final vows.

Summer Sesions of Queen of the Holy Rosary College were opened on Monday, June 24, with Holy Mass celebrated in honor of the Holy Ghost by the community chaplain in the new college chapel.

Holy Cross Congregation, Amityville, New York

During Easter week two retreats were held for Sisters assigned to various summer duties in the Congregation. One was given at Amityville, New York by Rev. John F. Ryan, O.P., and another at Saint Joseph’s, Sullivan County, New York by Rev. John P. Carrigan, O.P.

Rev. Mother M. Bernadette de Lourdes, O.P., Priorress General, and Rev. Mother M. Adelaide, O.P., Subpriorress, attended the Mothers General Meeting at St. Catherine’s Kentucky. They also visited Rev. Mother M. Aloysia, O.P., and her community at Great Bend, Kansas, before returning to the Mother House.

From April 23-26, a large group of Sisters was present at the N.C.E.A. Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Several of the Sisters were guests of Father Rock,
O.P., at a luncheon given during the convention by the Priory Press of Dubuque, Iowa.

During the same time, a representative group of Sisters was at the Catholic Librarians’ Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Sister M. Rose Cecilia and Sister Mary Brendan attended the Catholic Music Convention in St. Louis, Mo., over the weekend of May 3.

On April 19, St. Agnes Academic School at which our Sisters teach became the Cathedral Parish School when Rockville Centre was made a new diocese comprising Nassau and Suffolk counties.

On April 12, Mother M. Celeste, O.P., Assistant Community Supervisor of Schools, acted as chairman at the Roundtable of Science held at Bishop Loughlin High School.

The Jesuit Fathers Minstrel Show, held on May 19 and May 26 for the benefit of the Congregation’s Building Fund, proved a great success. The performance was given at Chellis Hall attached to Mary Immaculate Hospital.

Sisters Pauline Marie, Ermelindis and Simonetta died. R.I.P.

Convent of Saint Dominic, Blauvelt, New York

Sister Lawrence Marie has been appointed Regional Chairman of Region 1-B, including the states of New York and New Jersey, of the Teaching Brothers and Sisters Committee of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. This appointment for a five year period was made by Most Rev. H. L. Lamb, D.D., Episcopal Chairman.

The Catholic Daughters of America, Court St. Jude of Washingtonville, New York, has granted a scholarship to the Catholic University of America to Sister Jean Marie for the purpose of promoting her knowledge of techniques in the teaching of the Blind. Sister Jean Marie is teaching at Lavelle School for the Blind conducted by our Sisters.

Representatives of our Congregation were present at the Convention of the N.C.E.A. held at Milwaukee and also at that of the Society of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Scripture held at Cleveland during the week of Easter.

Saint Catharine of Siena Congregation, Saint Catharine, Kentucky


Holy Rosary Academy, Louisville, was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal by the Freedoms Foundation of America on February 22.

On March 7, the Rev. Jerome J. Jurasko, O.P., directed the Junior College students’ program of Thomistic Disputation.

In the evening of Saint Thomas Aquinas’ Feast the Rev. Daniel Crowley, O.P., outlined the pattern of Saint Thomas’ devotion to the Passion of Christ.


His Excellency, the Most Rev. John A. Floersch addressed the Dominican Mothers General at their first morning session.
During the Conference days the Most Rev. Francis R. Cotton, D.D., Bishop of Owensboro, Kentucky, paid a visit to Saint Catharine.

The Mothers General were accorded the honor of a concert by the noted artist Mr. Emerson Myers, Head of the Piano Faculty of the Catholic University of America on Friday evening of April 26.

At the close of the business conferences the Dominican Mothers General elected Mother Mary Julia, O.P., Saint Catharine, President; Mother Rosalia, O.P., Akron, Vice-President; Mother Mary Geraldine, O.P., Blauvelt, Secretary-Treasurer for the '57-'59 term. San Rafael, California will be hostess to the '59 Conference.

Sisters Julita, Angelita, Mary, Benigna and Mary Anne of Mary Immaculate Hospital, Lebanon, attended the April State Hospital Convention held in Lexington.

Sisters Clara and Angelica represented the community at the Cleveland Catholic Hospitals Workshop for Medical Technicians; Sister Benigna attended the Workshop for Medical Record Librarians, and Sisters Ivo and Terence attended the Workshop for Dietitians.

On May 1 the Xavier University Clef Club sang a repertoire of classical and semi-classical selections for the Community and the Academy and College students.

Forty Hours Devotion was observed at the Mother House on May 5, 6 and 7.

The June 2 Baccalaureate was preached by the Rev. J. R. Desmond, O.P. The Commencement message was given by the Most Rev. Charles G. Maloney, D.D., Bishop of Louisville, on June 3.

On the Feast of the Assumption the community will observe the silver anniversary of the religious profession of Sisters Florentine, Annine and Catherine Gertrude.

Through the courtesy of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Lawrence B. Killian, D.D., pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, Mass., Sister Louis Mary, O.P., has been accorded the Cardinal Spellman Scholarship to Villa Schifancia, Florence, Italy. Sister will spend the school year 1957-1958 studying art in Florence.

Sister Alexandrine Fleming, O.P., died February 8 in the fifty-first year of religious profession; Sister Mary Mark Kelley, April 11 in the thirty-ninth year of religious life; Sister Mauricia Scott, April 16 in the forty-fifth year of religious vows. R.I.P.

St. Catherine's Motherhouse, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Early this year, His Eminence Cardinal Samuel Stritch, our Cardinal Protector, issued his executorial decree on the Pontifical indult approving the new adjustments to our Constitutions. After consultation with the Rev. Timothy M. Sparks, O.P., it was decided that work on re-editing the translation of the old text and incorporation of the new adjustments will begin this summer.

On February 10, at the close of a retreat given by the Rev. John L. Callahan, O.P., editor of Cross and Crown, two candidates received the Holy Habit; Eleanor Martin of Kenosha, who became Sister Leo Marie and Winfred Noonan of La Crosse, Wisc., who is now Sister M. Shaun.

As part of our activities for vocation month, the Rev. Gilbert Graham, Vocational Director for the Province of St. Albert the Great, addressed the personnel of St. Catherine's Hospital regarding different aspects of vocations.

The new convent for the Sisters of Sacred Heart Hospital, Hanford, California, was blessed on February 11. Open house was held the previous day. Sacred Heart Hospital was fully approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. Mercy Hospital, Merced, California, was granted Hill-Burton funds recently.

On March 3, Mother General attended the first Pontifical Mass of His Excel-
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lency Bishop Harry Clinch, Auxiliary Bishop of Monterey-Fresno at St. Mary's Church, Taft, California. The Sisters teaching at St. Mary's School were hostesses to the visiting Sisters attending this function.

Sister M. Mark, R.N.A., took part in a refresher course on anesthesia in Detroit and Sister M. Aquinas attended an Institute in Dietetics in Minneapolis.

Mother General and Sister M. Imelda, Novice Mistress, went to St. Cathearine's Motherhouse, St. Catharine, Kentucky, for the meeting of Dominican Mothers General.

Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit, Michigan

On the feast of our Blessed Mother's Purification, the community was privileged to welcome a replica of the famous Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima within its cloister. The entire community met the statue at the enclosure door with lighted candles and then escorted it in solemn procession to the choir where the statue was placed on an especially prepared shrine. Throughout the entire day, the Nuns prayed for the great needs of the suffering world and pleaded for the speedy fulfillment of the Fatima promises. After the singing of Compline, the community again solemnly escorted the statue to the enclosure door where it was received by the custodians to continue its merciful pilgrimage to many American homes and convents.

During the first two weeks of Lent, the yearly retreat was conducted by Rev. John F. Ryan, O.P.

In March the community was privileged to have Holy Mass celebrated in their adoration chapel by the Most Rev. Gaetano Pollio, P.I.M.E., exiled Archbishop of Kaifing, Capital of the Honan Province, China. After Mass he spoke to the nuns describing some of his experiences during his six months imprisonment in a foul Chinese prison. Although condemned to perpetual exile, he cheerfully looks forward with the hope that someday he will be permitted to return.

Due to the kindly reception of the Rotogravure pictures in the local paper depicting the Monastic life and various activities of the community, we have received numerous applications from interested aspirants and a very welcomed increase in the work for needed maintenance.

The Monastery Building Fund, begun for the future re-location in North Farmington, Mich., progresses slowly. The nuns feel however, that God's kindly providence will soon bless the big project with success.

During Easter week the community was happy to receive word from far off Ceylon, India, that the Mission gifts sent to the Rev. Fr. Frendo, O.P., finally reached him.

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima in the Archdiocese has taken up the cause of the Cloistered Dominican Sisters of Oakland Ave. To help the sisters' building fund, Blue Army members staged Fr. Urban Nagle's "Our Lady of Fatima" play. The Don Largo chorus was featured.

Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, North Guilford, Connecticut

At a ceremony on March 25, our four "fire-postulants," who proved their virtue as few postulants have a chance to do, and followed their postulancy with a noviciate of equal quality, made profession of temporary vows. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vincent J. Hines, J.C.D., Vicar of Religious for the Archdiocese of Hartford, presided at the ceremony. The High Mass was sung by Rev. John B. Mulgrew, O.P., of Spencer, Mass. Rev. Walter Dominic Hughes, O.P., preached the sermon. The novices making profession were Sr. Mary Dolores of Jesus Crucified, O.P., of Cranston, R.I., Sr. Mary, O.P., of Trenton, N. J., Sr. Mary John of the Cross, O.P., and Sr. Mary
Frances Therese of the Child Jesus, O.P., both of Oakville (Waterbury), Conn.

At the same ceremony, the last postulant the Community has been able to accept in their very crowded temporary quarters received the Habit, taking the name of Sr. Mary of the Infant Jesus. Sr. Mary of the Infant Jesus is from Newark, Ohio. Her brother, Rev. Philip Cantlebury, O.P., of St. Albert’s Province, was unable to attend the ceremony, but visited the Community on May 3 and 4, on his way to the missions in Africa. Another applicant for admission to the Community has been accepted, but must wait to be admitted until the Community obtains larger quarters.

On the evening of March 25 the Community enjoyed a visit from Rev. Joseph E. Hyde, O.P. In January Father Hyde had replaced Father Richard Heath, O.P., as temporary chaplain for the Community for a week, when Father Heath sailed for Lebanon.

Despite the limitations of their temporary chapel, the Community was able to carry out fully all the Holy Week services. They are deeply grateful to their Chaplain, Rev. Reginald Craven, O.P., who made it possible. More than a dozen Holy Cross Brothers, from Notre Dame High School across the street from the nuns’ temporary home, attended the Good Friday and Vigil of Easter Services so that the little “public chapel” (the front third of the room) was as crowded as the nuns’ choir. The two Communities participated together in the renewal of baptismal vows, and the Litany of the Saints, and the realization of unity was an added Easter joy.


Out in North Guilford the new Monastery of Our Lady of Grace is slowly taking shape. It will be of sand-colored brick that has a rough stone finish, with limestone trim. The concrete foundations are nearly completed and the brick walls have been started so that it is possible to visualize the shape of the building from what has already been done. The building is to be in traditional monastic style, with four wings surrounding a cloister court. The main structure will be one story high, but the site of the monastery is so shaped that the basement work-rooms will have full-sized windows on the outside, creating a split-level effect.