Condolesences


Ordinations


Professions & Vestition

Saint Dominic's in Youngstown, Ohio, was formally raised to the status of a Priory by The Most Rev. Michael Browne, O.P., Master General, on February 24th, 1958, and at the same time the Master General instituted the Very Rev. Bernard P. Shaffer, O.P., as the first Prior. St. Dominic's is the fourteenth and newest priory of St. Joseph's Province.

A four-alarm fire did more than $100,000 worth of damage to historic St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Connecticut, which has been under the care of the Dominican Fathers since 1882. The fire, which raged out of control for more than two hours on the afternoon of February 27th, caused extensive damage to the basement of the church, the furnace room, cloak room and sacristy. The Very Rev. Michael L. Novacki, O.P., Prior, donned a gas mask and entered the burning building to remove the Blessed Sacrament. One city fireman was hospitalized as a result of the blaze.

On Saturday morning, March 8th, a first anniversary Solemn High Mass was sung by the Very Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.S.S.R., Dean of Religious at Catholic University, for his predecessor in that post, the Very Rev. Henry Ignatius Smith, O.P. Student Brothers from the Dominican House of Studies formed the choir for the Mass, which was offered at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and scores of priests, religious and diocesan, brothers, sisters and lay people, as well as some members of the Protestant clergy, were in attendance. The Right Rev. Msgr. William J. McDonald, Rector of the Catholic University, presided.

On Sunday, March 2nd, a Solemn High Mass was sung at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C., in anticipation of the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas. The celebrant was the Very Rev. George C. Reilly, O.P., Prior of the Dominican House of Studies and Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University. The deacon was the Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke, O.P., Head of the University's Speech and Drama Department, while the Rev. James H. Loughery, O.P., of the same department, was subdeacon. Student Brothers from the House of Studies acted as minor ministers. The Rev. Patrick W. Geary, Professor of Economics at C. U., delivered a sermon in honor of The Angelic Doctor.


The 12th Annual Providence College Marriage Forum was conducted on five successive Sundays during Lent, from February 23rd to March 23rd. Among the featured speakers were: the Rev. James M. Murphy, O.P., Ph.D., Head of the P. C. Sociology Department, the Rev. Joseph S. McCormack, O.P., S.T.D., Head of the Theology Department, and the Very Rev. Kenneth C. Sullivan, O.P., Prior of St. Pius' Priory, Providence. A physician and a married couple also spoke.

The Most Rev. Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, along with several representatives of that Delegation, attended the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday in the Chapel of the
Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. Archbishop Cicognani presided in the sanctuary and was assisted by the Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke, O.P., and the Rev. William B. Ryan, O.P., as Deacons of Honor. It has been the Archbishop’s custom for many years to participate in the services of Good Friday with the Dominicans at the House of Studies.

Bl. Martin  Movie A motion picture based on the life of Blessed Martin de Porres, which was produced by the Rev. F. Norbert Georges, O.P., Director of The Blessed Martin Guild in the U. S., will be ready for exhibition in the United States this year. The film was made in Lima, Peru, using many of the actual locations as background for the story. Father Georges announced the completion of the film in a talk given in Quito, Ecuador, during a stop-over there on his return from Peru to the U. S. He said he has collected a large number of documents on the heroic virtues of the humble Dominican laybrother which are scheduled to be published in Spain.

Motor Chapel  The Dominican Fathers’ “Church on Wheels” which has its headquarters at Our Lady of Springbank Retreat House, Kingstree, South Carolina, has been used during the winter months as a mobile classroom for religious instruction. The three sisters and priests in the county have 450 Negro children under weekly instruction. The Motor Chapel, along with some exhibits about the Catholic Faith, tours three different county fairs during the fall and many more during the summer when its director, the Very Rev. Patrick Walsh, O.P., has the assistance of college students and seminarians and when county fairs and other large public gatherings are more numerous. Those whom Fr. Walsh finds interested in learning more about the Faith may enroll in “The Springbank Correspondence Course” which is conducted by the Student Brothers at the House of Studies in Washington.

Fr. McGlynn  Fatima Statue O.P., S.T. Lr., has recently completed the white marble statue of Our Lady which is to be placed over the entrance to the Basilica in Fatima. Father McGlynn, a well-known artist and sculptor, was commissioned by the late Bishop of Leira, Portugal (in which diocese Fatima is located), to do the work. The statue is the result of a long and painstaking study by the Dominican artist. He first journeyed to visit Sister Lucy, sole survivor of the three children who saw the vision, and obtained her detailed description of the Blessed Virgin as she appeared. He worked on several preliminary models and corrected them according to Sister Lucy’s directions until he arrived at the present design which most perfectly represents the Mother of God as seen through that sister’s eyes. Father also made a careful study of all the accounts of the apparitions.

The actual sculptoring of the statue was done by Father McGlynn in Pietrasanta, Italy. The project was financed by a group of interested Americans. Many persons contributed cherished objects of gold which have been melted down and used to trim certain parts of the statue. The gold and ivory Rosary which hangs from the statue’s hand was designed by Father McGlynn and blessed by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII. It is the gift of the Dominican Sisters’ Congregations of the United States.

Fr. McGlynn is assigned to Saint Stephen’s Priory, Dover, Massachusetts, where “The Dominican Fatima Center” is located. The Very Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O.P., Prior of St. Stephen’s, was present in Fatima for the unveiling of the statue on May 13th.
Bishop Daly's Anniversary

This year marks the Tenth Anniversary of The Most Rev. Edward C. Daly, O.P., S.T.M., Bishop of Des Moines, Iowa. In his years of service as chief shepherd of that Diocese, Bishop Daly has seen the Catholic population grow from 45,000 to more than 62,000, and enrollment in Catholic schools has increased to almost 10,000. Five new parishes and six schools have been established by the Dominican Bishop, while two more schools are under construction. We, his Brothers of the Province of St. Joseph, join the priests and people of the Diocese of Des Moines in prayers and best wishes for this illustrious Son of Saint Dominic. Ad Multos Annos!

Springbank Retreat House

Our Lady of Springbank Retreat House in Kingstree, South Carolina, is flourishing in a state whose Catholic population is less than 1%. In the first nine months of its existence, more than 700 persons attended retreats or Days of Recollection. During the first five months of 1958, fifteen week-end retreats were given. Special Days of Recollections are also scheduled for priests and one day a month is for sisters of various communities who come from their missions all over the state to attend. In addition to this, the Bishop and all the priests of the diocese make their annual retreat at Springbank. The Very Rev. Patrick Walsh, O.P., is the Superior and Director and Father Edward M. Casey, O.P., is Retreat Master. They are assisted by Brother Gabriel Smolenski, O.P.

New Dorm at P. C.

The Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College, recently signed contracts for the immediate construction of a new dining hall and dormitory to be completed next year at a cost, completed and furnished, of $1,300,000. The dining hall, which will seat 1000 students and will be the first completely air-conditioned dining hall in a New England college, will occupy the center of the first floor. Rising U-shaped around it are three floors of dormitory rooms which will provide complete facilities for 200 students, six prefects, and a ten-bed infirmary. It will be located adjacent to the buildings P. C. purchased from the Good Shepherd Sisters and will face southeasterly toward Aquinas Hall. In addition to the facilities previously mentioned, there will be a private dining room, kitchens, snack bar and student lounge in the new building.

It is expected that the construction will be completed by next Spring and the building will be in full service with the opening of the academic year in the Fall of 1959. All resident students will dine in the new dining room at a single sitting. The present dining room will be converted into additional student lounge area when the new building is ready for use.

Fr. Slavin named by N.C.E.A.

The Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College, has been elected President of the College and University Department of the National Catholic Educational Association, succeeding the Very Rev. P. C. Reinert, S.J., President of St. Louis University, at the group's recent convention in Philadelphia.

New Book of Prayers

The Rev. Paul C. McKenna, O.P., Director, and the Rev. James T. Sullivan, O.P., Associate Director, of Dominican Pre-Ecclesiastical Students at Providence College, have recently compiled and published a special book of prayers for the use of those students. The book, entitled "... cum Deo," as is told in its foreword, is "culled from the prayers approved for the use of the members of the Order of Friars Preacher, (and) is intended to help those who desire to enter the religious life of the Dominican Order, so that,
following in the footsteps of St. Dominic, they may learn to speak *cum Deo* (with God), and, with the help of God's grace, they may develop the spirit of contemplation necessary to speak *de Deo* (of God), and later as Preachers give the fruits of their contemplation to others."

**Radio and TV** The Providence College faculty is carrying the school’s torch to the public via mass media. The most recent appearances were made by the Rev. Charles B. Quirk, O.P., the Rev. John P. Gerhard, O.P., the Rev. John V. Fitzgerald, O.P., the Rev. Daniel F. Reilly, O.P., and the Rev. John P. Reid, O.P.

Father Reilly is a member of the regular panel, along with Mr. Paul Connolly, Alumni Secretary, and Dr. Paul van K. Thompson, of the college faculty, on "The Providence College Program" shown over WJAR-TV in Rhode Island's capital city. On Sunday, March 23rd, the topic of discussion was "Boon and Bust Economy" and the guest panelist was Father Quirk, who is Head of P. C.'s Department of Economics.

"The Providence College Hour," a WJAR-Radio presentation featured Father Gerhard, Professor of Philosophy, in a series of weekly talks on that subject.

"Juvenile Groups" was the subject of one talk in a series given by the Rev. John V. Fitzgerald, O.P., of the college's Sociology Department, on WPRO, Providence, R. I.

The Rev. J. P. Reid, O.P., Professor of Philosophy, recently conducted a series of lectures over WJAR-TV, in Providence, the general theme of which was "Basic Philosophy." The shows were part of a series entitled "The World Around Us" which is seen on Friday mornings at 9:15 A.M.

Special talks on the Catholic Faith are broadcast over local stations in the state of South Carolina by the Dominican Fathers attached to Our Lady of Springbank Retreat House in Kingstree. During the winter months, the Fathers give one radio talk a week, while during the summer, ten weeks of daily broadcasts are scheduled.

**C.S.M.C. Election** On April 25th, a meeting of the Dominican unit of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade was held at the House of Studies to elect officers for the school year 1957-58. The results were as follows: Bro. Chrysostom McVey, O.P., President; Bro. Peter O'Sullivan, O.P., Secretary; and Bro. Marcellus Coskren, O.P., Delegate. Besides organizing and coordinating mission activities at the House of Studies, these Brothers will represent the community at meetings and other functions of the Clerical Conference of the C.S.M.C., a group comprising thirty active units of the various religious houses surrounding the Catholic University.

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**The Foreign Chronicle**

**Italy — Fra Angelico** The Tribunal of the Vicariate of Rome has recently carried out canonical identification of the remains of Fra Angelico, famed 15th Century Dominican artist. The procedure constitutes one step toward official confirmation by beatification of the title *Blessed* which has been tra-
tionally given to the artist—in part because of his personal holiness and in part because of his artistry—ever since his death in 1455.

In the recent ceremony, the lead coffin containing the remains was taken from its resting place in the floor of the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva and carried to an adjoining chapel, where the remains were examined by a group of experts to establish certain identification. (The Dominican was originally buried in a cypress wood coffin, but the remains were transferred to this lead coffin in 1915.)

Fra Angelico was born in Fiesole, near Florence, and became one of Italy's greatest painters. He has been an inspiration to many modern painters who saw in his work a great deal of abstraction. Recently, the Catholic Union of Italian Artists petitioned the Holy See for the Dominican painter's beatification. The same honor has also been requested for Fra Angelico by members of the hierarchy of the United States, Canada, Italy, Spain, Belgium and Germany. Among these petitioners were the late Samuel Cardinal Stritch and Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain, who has sent a special letter of request to the Holy See.

Said the Catholic Union of Italian Artists in their plea: "We wish to be able to invoke the artist who worked with such perfection during his life, so that, following his example, Christian artists may also find in art a suitable exercise to glorify God, sanctify themselves, and edify their brothers."

South Africa English Dominicans have taken over the administration of St. Peter's Regional Seminary, in Pevensy, South Africa, the first native seminary for African diocesan priests. St. Peter's, which is under the jurisdiction of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, had been administered by the Mariannhill Missionaries. Ten native priests have been ordained from the school since its founding in 1951.

Spain Brother Berceruelo, O.P., a Spanish Laybrother, recently held an exhibit at Pamplona, Spain's Art Museum. The exhibit was viewed by leading religious and civic dignitaries.

France Four of the "Fifty Best Books" published in France last year (as selected by a specially-appointed commission) were written by French Dominican priests. One of these was Father Vicaire's Histoire de Saint Dominique.

Father Loew, the first French "Worker-Priest," has recently begun a series of television programs. He has taken over the series formerly conducted on Sundays by the famous Abbe Pierre.

Germany Father Dominic Pire has recently completed building his fifth "European Village" or settlement for displaced persons. He has established three of these "villages" in Germany and Austria, one in Luxembourg, and one north of Brussels, Belgium.

Argentina An Argentinian Dominican, Father Albert Quijano, has been appointed Director of the Departments of Philosophy and Letters at the Catholic University in Tucuman.

Denmark French Dominicans (who have been in Copenhagen since 1953) have begun publication of a periodical called Lumen. It is printed in Danish, Norwegian and Swedish and is a review of Theology and Philosophy which mirrors Catholic thought in these matters for Scandanavian people.
Switzerland  Polish Dominican Father Jozef Bochenski, famed philosopher and professor at the Catholic University of Fribourg, has been awarded a grant of $20,000 by the Rockefeller Foundation for studies of Lenin.

Japan  Fr. G. Carpentier, O.P., noted Dominican painter who has spent some years in Japan, recently won acclaim for his painting "The Madonna of the Children" at an exhibit in Tokyo. The purpose of Fr. Carpentier's exhibit was to show the Japanese people the high esteem in which the Church holds the arts. Father's ultimate aim is to establish a Japanese museum especially for religious art.

Monaco  An international convention of religious working in the field of television was held recently in this principality under the presidency of a French Dominican, Father Raymond Pichard. The Dominican, who is connected with the French Radio-TV network, also headed a committee at the convention which made special awards to the seven best religious television shows.

Holland  Fr. Henry Schillebeeckx, O.P., a Dutch Dominican, has been named professor of Dogmatic Theology and the History of Dogma at the Catholic University at Nymegen, Holland.

The Provincial of the Province of Holland, the Very Rev. Bonaventure Jansen, O.P., was recently elected President of the Central Commissariat of the Missions in which Dutch missionaries of all orders and congregations labor. The Dutch Dominicans themselves have missions in Africa and the Caribbean. Among the latter is Puerto Rico where the Fathers have nurtured many native vocations. Some of these young men are making their studies in St. Joseph’s Province. One, Fr. Andrew F. Fontanez, was ordained in June, 1957, while six others are in various stages of preparation in the novitiate and houses of study of the Province of St. Joseph.

Holy Name Province

Ordinations  Brothers John Flannery of the Western Province and Quentin Moriarty of St. Albert's Province were ordained to the subdiaconate on March 22nd at St. Patrick's Diocesan Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif. In the same ceremony Brother Thomas Hayes of this Province received the minor orders of Exorcist and Acolyte.


Condolences  The Fathers and Brothers of Holy Name Province offer their deepest sympathies to Brother Robert Lavigne, O.P., on the recent death of his step-mother.
New Appointments


The Rev. F. J. Hayes, O.P., has been assigned as Secretary to the Provincial.

Jubilee

The members of the Province extend their warmest congratulations to Brother Pius Harris, O.P., on the silver anniversary of his profession as a Lay-Brother.

The occasion was specially marked with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving which was offered on May 18th in the chapel of the House of Studies in Oakland, Calif.

Lay-Brother Investiture


Chaplain Returns to Tala

The Rev. Leo A. Hofstee, O.P., returned early this year to his post as chaplain and director of Tala Leper Colony near Manila in the Philippine Islands.

Father Hofstee had come to the mainland last June for the celebration of his 25th year as a priest. The occasion was commemorated by special festivities in Dominican parishes in Vallejo, Calif., and Seattle, Wash., where he had been assistant pastor before going to Tala a decade ago.

Visitor

The Province of the Holy Name was recently honored with a visit from the Rev. Venantius D. Carro, O.P., of the Province of Spain.

Father Carro, a noted scholar of early Dominican history and director of the restoration of the Dominican convent in Calaruega, Spain, presented slides with a commentary in various houses of the Province.

St. Albert’s Province

Deaths

The Very Rev. Wenceslaus Piec, O.P., a privileged Master of Novices, died on March 10, 1958, at the age of seventy-four. Father Piec was a native of the Polish province, but in the early twenties came to this country to work among the Polish-speaking Catholics of Chicago. Assigned to St. Pius’ Church, he has been associated with the Shrine of St. Jude from its earliest days, and at the time of his death, he was the Shrine’s co-director. In 1957, Father Piec celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination. The Very Rev. Edmund Marr, O.P., Provincial, assisted by the Rev. Jerome McMullen, O.P., and the Rev. Cyril
Geary, O.P., celebrated a solemn Requiem Mass at St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minnesota. The Very Rev. Edward Hughes, O.P., preached. The burial was in the community cemetery.

March 10th was also the date of the death of the Rev. Louis A. Hinnebusch, O.P., in New Orleans. Father Hinnebusch, the Archdiocesan Director of the Holy Name Society in New Orleans, was known nationally for that work and in 1955 received the McKenna Award. Born in 1911 and professed in 1932, he was ordained in 1938. Father Hinnebusch had also served in Holy Name Parish, Kansas City, and in Holy Rosary Parish, Minneapolis. The Archbishop of New Orleans, the Most Rev. Joseph Rummell, presided at the Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, New Orleans. At St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, the Rev. Paul Hinnebusch, O.P., celebrated a solemn Mass assisted by the Rev. William A. Hinnebusch, O.P., and the Rev. John F. Hinnebusch, O.P., brothers of the deceased. Their three sisters of the community of St. Mary's of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio, Sister Regina Ann, O.P., Sister Leocadia, O.P., and Sister Mary Paul, O.P., were also present for the burial in the community cemetery. The sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Gerard Joubert, O.P.


Dedication On the feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas the development of the Newman Foundation and Apostolate at the University of New Mexico reached a climax with the formal dedication of their recently-completed buildings. Archbishop Byrne, of Santa Fe, blessed the new facilities, and Bishop Metzger, of El Paso, then offered a Pontifical Low Mass. Bishop Schexnayder, of Lafayette, Louisiana, preached the sermon. Also present in the sanctuary were the Bishop of Gallup, the Provincial of St. Albert's Province, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, and other Newman chaplains. A reception and banquet followed the ceremonies. Stationed in Albuquerque and providing an extensive religious, intellectual, and social program for the students are: the Rev. Fathers Anselm Townsend, O.P., Richard Butler, O.P., Timothy Sullivan, O.P., and Bartholomew Ryan, O.P.

Convention During March the Province was host to the several thousand Terriaries attending the National Congress of the Third Order of Saint Dominic in Chicago. Featured speakers included the late Samuel Cardinal Stritch, the Most Rev. Celestine Daly, O.P., the Very Rev. Alexius Driscoll, O.P., and the three American provincials.

Celebrations On March 6, 1958, the Faculty and Students of the House of Philosophy, River Forest, held Scholastic Exercises in honor of St. Thomas. Bro. Vincent Ferrer Sist, O.P., read a paper entitled: The Second Regency of St. Thomas at Paris. In the scholastic disputation, Bro. Alan Burns, O.P., defended the thesis: "Besides the Particular Sciences and Arts There Is Required Another Science Which Is Called Metaphysics." Bro. Cajetan Fiore, O.P., was the objector, and also directed the student chorus in several numbers. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Bro. Conrad McElroy, O.P.

A similar observance was held at the House of Theology, Dubuque, Iowa, developing the general theme of the relationship between the Church and Mary. Current Thought on the Relationship of Mary and the Church was the paper delivered by the Rev. Mr. Cornelius Kelly of Mount St. Bernard Seminary. The thesis, "The First Principle of Mariology Is Not the Relation Between Mary and the Church, but Is the Divine Maternity," was defended by Bro. Anthony Schillaci, O.P., and objected to by Bro. Joseph Haddad, O.P. Bro. Matthias Walsh, O.P., was the Master of Ceremonies, and Bro. Malachy Quinn, O.P., directed the Schola in several examples of contemporary Marian music.

During the Triduum before the feast of St. Vincent Ferrer, exercises were held in his honor at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest. The preacher was the Rev. Reginald Malatesta, O.P.

On the feast itself the finals in the annual Saint Vincent Ferrer Oratorical Contest were held. Winners were: Bro. Cajetan Fiore, O.P., Bro. Conrad McElroy, O.P., and Bro. Albert Judy, O.P. Other finalists included: Bros. Leonard Cochran, O.P., Peter Hereley, O.P., and Dennis Lyons, O.P. Bro. Angelus Boyd, O.P., introduced the speakers. The preaching program of which the contest is a part is directed by the Rev. John Thomas Bonée, O.P., together with the Rev. Jude Nogar, O.P.
The new three-manual pipe organ at St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, was solemnly blessed on February 21, 1958, by the Rev. Bernard Schneider, O.P., Provincial Director of the Third Order. The organ, a gift from the Province's Tertiaries, was designed by Mr. Frank Gorton, Jr., who played the dedicatory recital.

The Dominican Missionary World

One out of the Sons of Saint Dominic there has always been present the challenge, one of highest generosity, to respond to the highest ideal of their apostolate, the evangelization of the world. . . .

One out of every ten Dominicans today is devoted to missionary activities. There are 9,319 Dominicans in the world today; of this number, 764 work in territories assigned to them by the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. Many others, however, devote themselves to lands under the immediate supervision of both the Oriental and Consistorial Congregations.

The Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith has confided nineteen ecclesiastical territories to the care of the Dominican Order:

a) 2 archdioceses: Foochow (China), Port-of-Spain (Trinidad, W. I.).
b) 6 dioceses: Amoy, Funing, Tinchow (China); Multan (Pakistan); Kroonstad (South Africa); St. George the Great (Trinidad, W. I.).
c) 7 Vicariates-Apostolic: Haiphong, Bacninh, Taibinh, Langson (Indo-China); Puerto Maldonado (Peru); Curacao (West Indies); Niangara (Belgian Congo).
d) 4 Prefectures-Apostolic: Kienow (China); Canelos (Ecuador); Kaohsiung (Formosa); Sokoto (Nigeria).

The Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church has also assigned to us the missions of the Mossel Bay area in the Union of South Africa.

These twenty territories confided to the care of the Dominicans (not including others which have been given to it by the Oriental Congregation) embrace an area of approximately 820,000 miles, with a population of some 38 million people. In this vast area are to be found 10 million Moslems, 20 million pagans, 1 million Protestants and 1½ million Catholics. The rest are of various other denominations.

Above and beyond the territory especially confided to the care of the Order, the enthusiasm and ardor of its missionary spirit extend themselves to other lands through a veritable chain of missionary outposts, namely:

a) In Europe: Norway, Switzerland, Finland and Denmark.
b) *In Africa:* Northern Morocco, Camerum, Senegal; (Southern) Stellenbosch, Transvall; Lagos (Nigeria).

c) *In Asia:* Tokyo, Sendai, Shikoku (Japan); (Note: The latter two were originally Dominican foundations, but with later missionary development were transferred to the care of the native clergy.) Throughout the mainland of Asia and into the Middle East, from Hong Kong to Colombo, Ceylon, north to Bahawalpur in Pakistan, northwest to Smyrna in Turkey and then on to Beirut in Lebanon, there exists a chain of Dominican missionary centers.

d) *In America:* Puerto Rico, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Brazil, Granada (in the West Indies); Venezuela.

e) *In Oceania:* 85 Dominicans have organized their own province in Australia and work there as well as in New Zealand and the Solomons.

In the Philippines, the Province of the Most Holy Rosary, whose 690 members are devoted exclusively to missionary work, toils untiringly to spread the Gospel throughout those Islands. Their Province may well boast of its wonderful achievements, e.g., the largest Catholic University in the Orient, the University of Santo Tomas, with some 18,000 students.

Of special interest is the ever-growing missionary efforts of our Fathers in Pakistan with its 77 million inhabitants, of which 257,000 are Catholics. This year, there are 67,000 of these Catholics under the care of the Dominicans. There is a hoped-for goal of 100,000 Catholics within the next four years—a truly wonderful fruit of thirty years’ labor!

—*Translated from Missioni Domenicane (March-April, 1958), a publication of the Italian Dominicans, by Bro. Bonaventure Matarazzo, O.P.*

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**Letters from Pakistan**

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**Report of the Mission Superior**

Four places in our district now have resident priests: Bahawalpur, Loreto, Rahimyar Khan, and Chishtian. Father Arnold opens the NE section with zeal; he will have Holy Saturday Mass at Chishtian, then on Easter he will say Mass at Hasilpur, Harunabad and Bahawalnagar; it will be a day of hard travel for him. He lives in a rented house costing $10 per month, perhaps not worth that much. However, it is the best available house in that area. The city water supply together with the electricity stop 100 yards from the house.

We plan to have an Easter dinner (just a mouthful) for our parishioners of Bahawalpur. Very Reverend Father Provincial gave an Easter gift which makes the celebration possible. Curry-rice for all, plus sweets for the children will be the treat for Easter.

—Fr. Louis Scheerer, O.P.

**New Church and Hospital**

The feast of Saint Joseph marked the beginning of the construction of the church. Fr. Louis (Scheerer) blessed and broke the ground.

Plans for the church have been approved by the Municipal Committee. The style will incorporate some of the features of the local architecture.
Today there is no church in the 35,000 square miles of our territory. Our Lord has come to some very humble places this past year, many not better than the place of His first coming. At least that was graced by the presence of His Virgin Mother. Now that He has shown us how condescending He can be, we hope that He will make manifest some of the glory which surrounds Him.

The twelve-bed hospital is one-quarter complete. The mobile medical unit with portable X-ray and polaroid developer had its first trial in Loreto last week. There happened to be a small epidemic of respiratory infections with diarrhea and vomiting among the babies. Luckily, the weather is still a little cool and we had some aureomycin and sulfa on hand. I was glad to see that the generator would still run after being in a dust storm.

—Fr. Luke Turon, O.P.

**Construction of Other Buildings**

The priory is having the finishing touches put to it, such as the cross on the facade of the building which we borrowed from the shield of our Order. It is set in relief in black and white marble chips high above all else, so it can be seen from a distance.

The Sisters’ Convent is very well along, and with God’s help, will be complete when the eight Sisters from Sparkill arrive in October of this year.

The work on the school, which could be very quickly completed, has slowed down until the financial situation improves.

—Bro. Thomas Aquinas, O.P.

**A Visit by the Priest-Doctor**

Father Luke Turon, our doctor in the field, came here with his mobile medical unit, three days ago. It was excellent timing. We’ve been running into some sort of disease that is taking a toll of small children; not school children, but the nursing ones.

Since Fr. Luke’s arrival, the situation has returned to normal. After running through the more seriously ill infants, he opened shop for one full day just for infants. After that, we held examinations for the school children. There is no need to tell you that he sets a pace which demands a ‘four-minute-mile man’ to keep up with him. He’s tops!

For the school children the list of troubles are mostly chronic eye troubles—the kind not obvious to the inexperienced. The difficulty in giving adequate medication and telling the child to repeat it twice, thrice, or more times a day, is the same here as elsewhere: it just cannot be done without great loss of medicine and no end result. As a consequence, we must follow up the work and administer some sort of a program.

It seems at present that the better course is to gather the few children needing sustained treatment at the time of our “milk-break” in the morning. While they are drinking their milk (American relief powdered milk; the children think it comes from trees, so we have to sweeten it for palatability),—we can slip them their medical requirements.

—Fr. George Westwater, O.P.

**Report from one of the newer stations**

Our parish is about one and a half times the size of New Jersey; our Catholics are scattered over this area in some 90 villages. In some places, there might be only one family; in Feroza, our largest Catholic settlement, there are 45 families. To give all the chance to receive the Sacraments at least 3 or 4 times a year is a time-consuming, but most necessary part of our life.

When we’re here in the city, there is a constant stream of people to our bunga-
low; some merely to say "salaam," others with problems—illnesses, domestic trouble, trouble with their landlords. This is a new area and many people are coming down from Punjab. This migration has led to the writing of hundreds of letters to determine the religious facts about the new arrivals.

Then there is the job of meeting with the government officials to acquire land for our building projects. We are happy to say that now, at last, we are on the point of acquiring 12 acres in a very fine location. To see a Catholic church arise among the mosques will be a heartening sight for our poor people, some of whom have never attended Mass in a church in their entire lives. However, before we build the church, we must put up our schools and dispensary.

In our area, we have primary schools in Feroza, Sadiqabad and Rahimyar Khan itself. In these schools there are about 200 students, the children of poor Christians and Muslims. Classes are taught in Urdu. The other schools which we shall build will be English schools, principally for children from upper class Muslim families. Education will be our principal means of apostolate among the Muslims.

—Fr. Hyacinth Putz, O.P.

Observations of Pakistan has turned out to be far better than I pictured it. Particularly here in the Loreto outpost there is no notion of the teeming masses that I always associated with all of Asia. Summer, no doubt, will be different, but so far we have had good weather. Storms, such as the present one, are rare—which is a good thing. This whirling sand makes vision nearly impossible. It even rushes into our house, though it always appeared air-tight. There is now an inch of sand covering everything—so I'll be glad to take my bucket-bath when it subsides.

Funny, the children here grow so accustomed to bright, dead-calm days that they consider something like this a treat. Their greatest fun, though, is when it rains—which only happened once since I've been here. They race around the wet sand, somersaulting, shouting and wrestling.

—Fr. Terence Quinn, O.P.

Easter in Pakistan Easter was a beautiful day here. In the morning I went to one of the villages to say Mass and also to join in the celebration of this great feast with the natives. They earnestly look forward to Father Sahib's coming and deem it an honor for us to come on such a special feast day.

Here in Bahawalpur, people were all dressed up for the day. New shirts, pyjams, saris—they all looked their best in their native finery. We had one Mass in the morning and one in the afternoon. Most of our people made a day out of it and stayed for two Masses. In between Masses, they met and chatted with each other and also sang to the accompaniment of their native musical instruments. It was a little tiring for us, yet it was refreshing to see the Catholics grasp the true, joyous theme of Easter.

—Fr. Bertrand Boland, O.P.

A New Pastor Since my last news letter I have been constantly on the move. Father Bertrand (Boland) and I made a trip to Lahore. I was seeking personnel; he was gathering information about the school system. While in Lahore, I made a private retreat. On my return Father Luke (Turon) and I completed a preparatory tour of my parish for the Bishop's Confirmation tour. Then I drove our jeep for "His Lordship" (a British title for Bishops) during his week of journeying.

As a "quasi-pastor" I am forced to take an interest in statistics. In the Chish-
tain area we had seventy-two Baptisms and eighty Confirmations. The Church is growing there and, please God, it will continue to grow when the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered regularly in all its villages.

I will move over to Chishtian during Holy Week. Thus far I rented a nice Muslin house.

—Fr. Ferrer Arnold, O.P.

A Conspectus
of the entire Mission

Our whole Mission Territory can be pictured as a Y-shaped area, 400 miles at the widest point; an area of 35,000 sq. miles, four times the size of the State of New Jersey.

Bahawalpur, our central mission station, is at the junction of the "Y." Here, St. Dominic's Priory has been completed, providing quarters for our future Bishop of BWP and 10 Dominican Priests and Laybrothers. The boys' school is also sufficiently completed for one class to open with Fr. Bertrand Boland in charge. We are anticipating the arrival this fall of the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, N. Y., who will staff this and the girls' school. The Sisters' Convent is rising rapidly and Father Turon, our M.D., is hoping for early completion of his small hospital. Plans for the church were passed by the civil authorities on St. Patrick's Day, only two days after being submitted. The illustrious missionary to the "Isle of Saints and Scholars" must surely have wielded his heavenly shillelagh for this unheard of quick action. All this building has been under the very able guidance of Bro. Thomas Aquinas, Fr. Louis' (Scheerer) right-hand man on construction work.

In Leah, 180 miles up the west arm of the "Y," Fr. Westwater and Fr. Quinn have begun their school and church. Leah is unique in that it is a completely Catholic settlement and is located in the Thal Desert, an area being settled by the government in which a section of each village is set aside for Catholics.

In a little place called Chishtian, 80 miles up the east arm of the "Y," Father Arnold opened a new Mission on Holy Saturday.

Here in our southern missions (at the base of the "Y"), Fr. Putz and I are still in our rented bungalow awaiting governmental approval of the 12 acres of land for which we have applied, so our building program is still marking time.

—Fr. Timothy Carney, O.P.

School in Bahawalpur

It looks as though we will open our new English School on the 1st of May. We now have a qualified teacher and we will have one or two classrooms ready in the school building. Things didn't look too promising last month, but thanks to your prayers, everything turned out fine. The people are desperately trying to get their children into our school. When they heard that it was going to be run by Americans they were more than pleased. It seems that America is some sort of a Utopia for them. We are very eagerly awaiting the arrival of Mother Kevin, O.P., and her band of new Missionaries from Sparkill, N. Y.

—Fr. Bertrand Boland, O.P.
Congregation of the Immaculate Conception, Great Bend, Kansas


On April 17, the Rev. Victor Nadeau, O.P., of Sokoto, Nigeria, presented a slide-illustrated address to the Sisters and Prep Students giving an insight of missionary activities and life in the Vicariate of Sokoto. Of special interest were the pictures of Gusau where five Sisters of the Congregation are now stationed. An added feature were the slides of St. Dominic's birthplace, Calaroga, Spain.

On April 27, the Kansas Chapters of the Thomist Association held the annual joint Chapter Meeting of the Dodge City and Great Bend Chapters at the Immaculate Conception Convent. This meeting climaxed the year's study of the Holy Scriptures conducted by the Rev. Arthur Kinsella, O.P., instructor for the two Chapters. The Most Rev. John B. Franz, D.D., officiated at the Holy Sacrifice and addressed the assembled Thomists. The Very Rev. James R. Gillis, O.P., director of the Spiritual Institute of Theology at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest and Lector Primarius at St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, was the guest speaker. Lay representatives spoke on the message of Lourdes.

Congregation of St. Catharine of Siena, St. Catharine, Kentucky

The National Office at Crusade Castle, Cincinnati recognized the mission leadership of Sister Mary Ellen by conferring upon her the Paladin Leadership award.

Sisters Mary Andrew, Marian, Gerald Vincent, Mary Samuel, Judith, Denise, Ann Frederick, Laetitia Ann, Ursula Marie, Jean Ann and Margaret Louis represented the community in the Boston Archdiocesan Sisters' Orchestra at the February Commemorative Program.

Saint Dominic School for Boys, Memphis, was formally dedicated on Sunday, March 16. The Right Rev. Monsignor J. H. Shea bestowed the blessing. He was assisted by the Rev. Patrick Lynch.

Sister Paschala has a story in the new vocational book, "Melody in Your Hearts."

Sister Gregory Anne, president of Louisville's Vocation Club, sponsored an "imitation" investiture of the habit according to the Dominican rite, in Assumption High School on Sunday, March 30. The Rev. Francis Connolly, O.P., presided at the investiture. The Rev. J. R. Desmond, O.P., preached to an audience of more than five hundred.

Sister Barbara of the Saint Catharine Hospital, McCook, Nebraska, has been
appointed executive councillor of the Nebraska Conference of Catholic Hospitals.

The Rev. Pierre Conway, O.P., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 1 in Saint Catharine Chapel.

On this same date the Academy graduation exercises were held in the Chapel. The Rev. James W. Thompson, C.R., spoke.

The Very Rev. Patrick Conaty, O.P., gave the commencement address to the Junior College students and friends on June 2.

Sister Benedict Heffernan died recently. R.I.P.

**Congregation of St. Mary, New Orleans, Louisiana**

The Aspirants, Postulants and the Junior Sisters from Rosaryville, the Dominican Novitiate, presented a stimulating Vocation Program to the students of St. Mary's Dominican College on March 17.

On March 23 many of the Sisters attended the dedication of the Mater Dolorosa shrine erected in memory of Sister Mary Margaret Sustendal and her two companions, Sister Mary Anthony Gerard and Sister Mary Berchmans Shanks, who opened Mater Dolorosa School in Independence, Louisiana—the first Catholic school in this area.

During the month of June ten Postulants received the Holy Habit of St. Dominic, thirteen Novices pronounced Temporary Vows and eight Junior Professed Sisters made their Perpetual Profession in the Rosaryville Chapel.

On Sunday, June 22, a Solemn High Mass was offered in the Rosaryville Chapel to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Sister Mary Edward and Sister Mary Roberta. Following the Mass a reception was held for the Jubilarians, their families, members of the clergy and Sisters of the Community.

**Congregation of the Sacred Heart, Caldwell, New Jersey**

On April 19, 1958, the following Sisters made their Final Profession: Sister Mary, Sister M. Stephen, Sisters M. Alexis, Sister M. Brenden, Sister M. Dolores, Sister M. Rosaleen, Sister M. Jeanne, Sister M. James, and Sister M. Irene. Very Rev. Msgr. Walter G. Jarvis of Seton Hall University, South Orange, N. J., presided and delivered the sermon.

The Sister Formation Conference held recently at the College of Mt. St. Vincent, Mount St. Vincent-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., was attended by Rev. Mother M. Dolorita, Sister M. Marguerite, President of Caldwell College, Sister Marita, Registrar of Caldwell College, and Sister Maura, Mistress of the Postulate.

The scholarly activities of the Sisters of Caldwell College were numerous during the past few months. Many departments were represented at General and Special Meetings or Conventions. Also numerous lectures were given by members of the College Faculty.

A Science Work-Shop for Seventh and Eighth Grade Teachers was held in Albertus Magnus Science Hall of Caldwell College. The General Meeting opened with a discussion and demonstration relative to the International Geophysical Year. Discussion periods and a tour of exhibits concluded the morning session. In the afternoon there were panels on various scientific topics. After the Sisters had attended the panels of their choice, a final General Discussion period was held. A syllabus for elementary science has been compiled by Sister M. Carmel, Caldwell College, Caldwell, N. J., as a result of this work-shop.

The First Annual Mother M. Joseph Debate Tournament was held at Caldwell College on April 19, 1958, with twenty-one schools participating. The Tournament
was sponsored by Chi Rho Chi Forensic Society, Caldwell College, and the trophy was donated by Caldwell Chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma. The winner was a student from Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bronx, N. Y.

**Congregation of the Holy Cross, Amityville, New York**

Rev. Thomas K. Connelly, O.P., recently conducted a retreat for the tertians of the Third Order of St. Dominic at Our Lady of Prouille Retreat House.

A lecture on the Dominican Mission at Pakistan was delivered by the Rev. Richard Vahey, O.P., to the novices and postulants at Queen of the Rosary Novitiate during the month of April.


A Musicale presented by the Sisters' Orchestra and Glee Club to raise needed funds for the projected expansion and building projects was held on four Sundays in April and May for the relatives and friends of the Sisters.

Sister M. Clare Louise, O.P., Vocation Directress, addressed a group of Girls Scouts at their Communion Breakfast on April 27 at Miraculous Medal Parish, Queens.

On May 1, His Excellency, Most Rev. John J. Boardman, D.D., blessed the newly erected convent in Good Shepherd Parish, Brooklyn.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Walter Philip Kellenberg, D.D., Bishop of Rockville Centre, visited the Mother House on June 21 to preside at the Commencement Exercises of the students of Queen of the Rosary Academy, Amityville.

The following Sisters died recently: Sisters Clementine, Huberta, Generose, Teresa Joseph and Teresita. R.I.P.

**Congregation of the Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll, New York**

Eight Maryknoll Sisters from different missions—Hong Kong, the Philippines, Hawaii, Panama, Nicaragua, Bolivia—attended Fordham University's Sixth Annual Conference of Mission Specialists January 25-26. The subject discussed this year was "The Role of the Catholic Educator in the Mission World."

Several Maryknoll Sisters attended the three-day Institute on the Hungers of Mankind—Physical, Intellectual and Spiritual—sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women in commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights. The Conferences were held at the World Affairs Center, United Nations Plaza, New York City. Sister Maria del Rey spoke on the closing day on the topic "Spiritual Hunger."

Since February, two new missions have been opened by Maryknoll Sisters in South America. In Arequipa, Peru, the new house will be staffed by Sister Anne Claudia and Sister Joanne Maret. They will work among the Misti Indians, whose name derives from the highest mountain in the area—Mount Misti. The house in Azangaro, Peru, where the Sisters will work among the Aymara Indians, has been opened by Sister Anne Marion and Sister George Francis.

During Easter Week—April 8-11—Socio-Economic Conferences sponsored by the International Catholic Rural Life Movement and the Fordham Institute of Mission Studies, were held at the Maryknoll Major Seminary, Maryknoll, New York for the purpose of "seeking ways to integrate religious and cultural efforts in underdeveloped areas of the world with action in the social and economic fields."
On April 15, a Medical Social Work Department was opened in the Maryknoll Sisters' Queen of the World (Inter-racial Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. Only 15% of the general hospitals in the United States (and only 2% of those with less than 100 beds—such as Queen of the World Hospital) have this specialized service for patients.

Mother Mary Columba, the Mother General of the Maryknoll Sisters, and her companion, Sister Michel Marie, returned to the Motherhouse in Maryknoll, New York on April 25 after six weeks in a visitation of convents in Panama, Nicaragua, Mexico, South Carolina and Texas. They also were present for the laying of the foundation stone for a new T.B. Hospital to be staffed by Maryknoll Sisters in Monrovia, California, where the Sisters work among the Japanese.

Congregation of the Most Holy Rosary, Newburgh, New York

At the New York Regional Meeting of the Association of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine, held at Fordham University, in March, Sister Mary Consilia, O.P., was elected to the Board of Regional Officers.

Four Faculty members of the Mount Saint Mary College attended the National Convention of the Association of Catholic College Teachers of Sacred Doctrine held in Philadelphia April 7th and 8th.

Mt. St. Mary College was represented on April 9 at an invitational meeting in White Plains to consider the needs and facilities for further higher education in Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester Counties. Religious and secular educators from the seven counties discussed the future of the County Community College.


The Very Rev. George C. Reilly, O.P., S.T.D., Ph.D., Prior of the Dominican House of Studies, was the speaker for Class Day, May 29.

Sister Mary Dominic Carroll died at the Motherhouse on February 24 in the 59th year of her Religious Profession. R.I.P.

Congregation of the Immaculate Conception, Ossining, New York

Mother Rose Xavier, O.P., has recently returned to the Motherhouse after making her visitation to each of the Community's Convents.

On March 23, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston presided and spoke at the annual guild meeting founded to aid the Sisters at the Roxbury Convent.

Rev. Francis N. Wendell, O.P., Editor of the Torch and Provincial Director of the Third Order, and his assistant, Rev. Regis Ryan, O.P., were recent visitors to Mariandale. They spoke to the newly organized chapter of the Third Order which is under the direction of the Rev. Vincent C. Donovan, O.P.

On March 10, Sister John Marie Mitchell and Sister Catherine Joseph Hanahan pronounced their final vows at the Motherhouse.

Sister Mary Dominic Donovan, O.P., the oldest living member of the community, died on February 16 after fifty-six years of service to the sick poor of New York City. R.I.P.
Dominicana

Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary, Sparkill, New York

Rev. Mother Paula, O.P., Mother General of the Dominican Sisters of Oakford, South Africa, visited at Sparkill and showed color slides depicting the work of her community in South Africa.

At the ceremonies of Reception and Profession in May, forty-seven postulants received the Dominican Habit and thirty-six novices made First Profession.

Rev. Mother Mary Kevin, President of St. Thomas Aquinas College, and some of her associates attended the Convocation of the Board of Regents at Albany on April 25. Faculty members also attended an all-day demonstration of educational TV given at Albany on the day preceding the Convocation.

St. Thomas Aquinas College has been admitted to institutional membership in the Conference of Catholic Colleges and Universities of the State of New York.

Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Akron, Ohio

On March 2 the Rev. Thoralf Norheim, O.P., gave a piano concert at the Motherhouse for the benefit of their Dominican monastery in Norway.

Mother M. Rosalia, O.P., attended the Midwest Regional Meeting of the Conference of Major Superiors of Women’s Institutes of the United States held in Chicago on March 26-27.

Sister Marianne and Sister M. Monica attended the University of Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, April 24-26. Sister Monica read a paper entitled, "Latin—Our Challenge."

On Ascension Thursday, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Floyd L. Begin, offered a Pontifical Low Mass of Thanksgiving in the Convent Chapel of the Motherhouse to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Sisters M. Raymond, Catherine, Florence, Dennis, Alma, Philip, and Lucille.

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

The Most Rev. Clarence G. Issenmann, S.T.D., Bishop of Columbus, officiated at the laying of the cornerstone for the new Mohun Hall Infirmary, at St. Mary’s. The ceremony on April 13 was attended by many Dominican Fathers, including the Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial, by several monsignori, and by pastors from the various parishes. After the dedicatory address by the Very Rev. Ferrer Smith, O.P., Regent of Studies of St. Joseph’s Province, a dinner was served to the clergy, doctors, and other guests.

Under a grant from the National Science Foundation, the Ohio State University awarded a full year of graduate study in biology to Sister Thomas More, O.P.

Governor Ribicoff of Connecticut gave the June commencement address at Albertus Magnus College, New Haven.

On April 8, Sister Mary Edmund Gordon, O.P., died at Mt. Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. A native of Somerset, Ohio, Sister taught in parochial schools in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. She is survived by two brothers, one of whom is the Very Rev. F. A. Gordon, O.P., chaplain of Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Conn.; a sister, Sister Virginia, O.P., Vicar General of St. Mary’s Community; and by two nieces, Sister M. Frederick, O.P., and Sister Miriam, O.P. R.I.P.

Congregation of St. Cecilia, Nashville, Tennessee

Mother Joan of Arc, O.P., Prior General, and Sister Miriam, O.P., Super-
visor of Schools, attended the annual meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association, held in Philadelphia, April 8-11.

Zenon Tuczynski, noted Catholic pianist, of Chicago, gave a piano recital in the auditorium of St. Cecilia Academy, Nashville, on April 13. Mr. Tuczynski studied with the famous pianist, Paderewski, and has played in the greatest concert halls in America and in Europe.

Miss Eleanor Martin, a member of the senior class of St. Cecilia Academy, won first place in a contest sponsored by the Nashville United Nations Association. Her prize was a trip to New York, including a tour through the United Nations building.

The annual Piano Auditions, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, were held at St. Cecilia Academy on May 1 and 2. Miss Garnett Manges, of Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, was the adjudicator. Sister Anastasia, O.P., a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers, is head of the Music department of St. Cecilia Academy.

The 98th annual commencement exercises of St. Cecilia Academy were held in the new auditorium-chapel on June 6. The Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., was celebrant of the commencement Mass, and distributed honors to the seniors. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Siener, pastor of St. Henry's Church, Nashville, was the speaker.

**Our Lady of the Valley Convent, Kettle Falls, Washington**

April 13 was the big day of the ground breaking ceremony for Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat House in Spokane. The building will be completed by fall and retreats will be scheduled for weekends alternately for men and women. Dominican Sisters from Kettle Falls will take care of the management and domestic affairs of the retreat house.

So far this year, two retreats have been held at Kettle Falls for Gonzaga University girls and two for teen-agers. Retreats for women are scheduled for May and the summer months.

Openhouse for the new convent for the Sisters of St. Mary's Hospital, Conrad, Montana, was held on April 19 and 20.

**Congregation of the Most Holy Cross, Edmonds, Washington**

On June 15, 1958, Sister M. Romualda Jehle celebrated her diamond jubilee. Sister M. Romuaalda is one of the two remaining pioneers who came to Aberdeen, Washington, from Newburgh, New York in 1899. Though not presently engaged in any specific duties, Sister Romuaalda spends much of her time praying for her community and being helpful in many ways.

Others who will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their first profession are: Sister M. Beatrice Horan, Sister M. Martina Ochoski, Sister M. Joan Lecture, Sister M. Fidelis Halpin, Sister M. Cecilia Horan, Sister M. Dominica Cowgill and Sister M. Dolores Crowe.

Sister M. Jean Dorcy has been invited to participate in the Marian Workshop to be conducted at the University of Dayton, Ohio, in June 1958.

Two sisters are teaching at the Jesuit University in Seattle: Sister M. Ruth Nichoff, Dean of the Nursing School of Seattle University, and Sister M. Veronica Branshaw, who is one of the summer session's Visiting Faculty members.

Fifty per cent of the professed Sisters of the community will attend the summer sessions of various colleges on the West Coast.
Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, Kenosha, Wisconsin

On February 13, 1958, three postulants received the Habit in the Motherhouse chapel. Jane Ann Richards from Stevens Point, Wis., became Sister Marie de Chantal; Mary Katherine Kusch of Kenosha, Wis., received the name of Sister Mary Martin de Porres and Nancy Anne Backes of Milwaukee, Wis., received the name of Sister Mary Pius. Sister M. Antoninus pronounced Final Vows at the same ceremony. The retreat preparatory to the ceremonies was preached by the Rev. Walter Conway, O.P., of St. Pius Parish, Chicago, Ill.

Sister M. Angelica, Prioress, and Sister M. Annunciata, Novice Mistress, attended the Midwest Regional Sister-Formation Conference in Chicago, March 22-24. Mother M. a'Kempis, while making her visitation of the Houses in the Western States, attended the Institute on Medico-Moral problems in San Francisco. Following this, she attended the Annual Convention of Western Hospitals held in San Francisco April 21 through 24.

Sister M. de Sales O'Mahoney died on March 24, at Holy Rosary Hospital, Ontario, Oregon. R.I.P.

Congregation of St. Catherine of Siena, Racine, Wisconsin

The National Catholic Educational Association convention in Philadelphia during Easter week was attended by Sisters Albertine, Rose, Charles, Raphael, and Dalmatia.

Among the recent distinguished guests at St. Catherine’s were the Very Rev. J. A. Driscoll, O.P., Socius to the Master General; Very Rev. Sebastian Tauzin, O.P., Toulouse, France; Rev. V. Carro, O.P., director of the restoration and of the building program at Caleruega, Spain; and Rev. Mother M. Paula, O.P., Oakford, South Africa.

Sister Marie Joseph has been granted a Fulbright Scholarship for summer study in Bogata, Columbia, South America.

Newly-opened schools in Pewaukee and in Verona, Wisconsin, will be staffed by the community in September, 1958.

Sister Xavier Hemmen died February 6 in the sixty-second year of her religious profession. R.I.P.

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

The statue of our Lady which the Rev. Thomas McGlynn, O.P., has sculptured for a niche just above the main entrance to the Basilica of our Lady at Fatima was sent to Portugal after Easter. To complete the statue Father McGlynn designed a rosary of ivory beads strung on stainless steel. Since the Congregations of Dominican Sisters in the United States have contributed so generously to the work, Father thought it would be appropriate to have Dominican Sisters present the rosary to His Holiness for his blessing. At Father McGlynn’s suggestion Sister Marie Antoinette of Pius XII Institute, Florence, Italy, was the delegate of the American Dominican Mothers General for the purpose. Accompanied by Sister M. Timothea, Sister Marie Antoinette brought the Rosary to Rome on February 28. The following morning His Holiness received the Sisters in private audience and blessed the rosary.

Rosary College received a grant for the Library through the American College and Research Libraries from funds granted by the United States Steel Foundation.
Rosary College sponsored a lecture series honoring the memory of Sister M. Thomas Aquinas, former president of the college. The three lectures were: "The Catholic and the Liberal Society," by Mr. John Cogley, editor of Commonweal; "Common Sense and St. Thomas," by Mr. Frank Sheed of Sheed and Ward; and "Recent Developments in the American Labor Movement," by the Very Rev. Msgr. George Higgins of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Sister Maria Michele of Rosary College has received a grant from the Institute of International Education Board of Foreign Scholarships to participate in an Italian language and civilization seminar in Florence, Italy, this summer.

Sister M. Elaine of Edgewood College has been awarded a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship which will enable her to complete her doctrinal work at the University of Wisconsin where she is majoring in endocrinology in the department of Zoology.

Edgewood College of the Sacred Heart was accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges at its annual meeting on March 28. On March 28 the Rev. Thoralf Norheim, O.P., of Oslo, Norway, gave a piano concert at St. Clara Convent.

Sisters Mary Celestine, Marie Barbara, Martinette, Beatrice, Laurentine, Mildred and Pierre died recently. R.I.P.

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

On Easter Monday, April 7, the Community returned to North Guilford and moved into the new Monastery of Our Lady of Grace.

The time between prayers during Lent was spent packing the Community's possessions into paper cartons, removing the paint which had made the windows of the Walter House opaque, and shining up the county home building to be returned to the civil authorities who had so magnanimously loaned it to the nuns rent-free. Mayor Richard Lee of New Haven and County Commissioner of Welfare, Francis Looney, have consistently helped the nuns in every way in their power.

The entire moving of the Community was donated by various firms and individuals. The Fusco-Amatruda Co., Contractors, who built the monastery without fee; the P. Maturo Co., plumbing sub-contractors for the new monastery; Mr. Joseph Testori, who is building the enclosure wall on the east side of the new building; and the Foster Electric Co. At the request of the Knights of Columbus Printing Plant, the Smedley Co., professional movers of machinery, took care of the print-shop equipment. The Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, from Notre Dame High School across the street from the Walter House helped immeasurably.

The chapel is not yet completed, and Mass is being celebrated in the parlor each morning. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration in a smaller parlor which opens onto the Chapter hall where the Divine Office is being held.

Rev. Edward A. Reissner, from St. Catherine's Church, Spring Lake, New Jersey, was the first visiting priest to say Mass for the Community. Rev. John T. Murphy, O.P., from St. Mary's Priory in New Haven, was the first guest-priest to offer the Community Mass. On April 14, Very Rev. Sebastian Tauzin, O.P., former Provincial in South America and now in charge of the restoration of the Dominican Shrines in France (Prouille, Toulouse, etc.) gave a double conference on the places where St. Dominic lived and worked and on the Dominican missionary activities in South America. Father Tauzin stayed over to offer Mass for the Community the next morning. On May 2, the Community's first Friday in the new Monastery, Rev. William B. Greenspun, C.S.P., who had been ordained the day before, offered his first Mass and asked the Community to support his apostolic
activity with their prayers. His father, a Jewish convert, received Communion at the Mass. Father Greenspun was accompanied by a friend, Rev. James Welsh, a priest from the Camden diocese in New Jersey, who offered his Mass for the intentions of the Community.

Dedication of the Monastery of Our Lady of Grace is scheduled for June 7, with Archbishop Henry J. O’Brien, D.D., of Hartford, presiding. The High Mass will be celebrated by Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph. On June 8 there will be an out-door Solemn Holy Hour with three Benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament, to inaugurate public services at the new monastery.

Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, Union City, New Jersey

On February 2, Miss Jeanne Donovan and Miss Barbara Blair, (now Sister Mary John of the Eucharist and Sister Rose of St. Mary), received the Habit of St. Dominic. Rev. H. Kenny, O.P., was acting delegate to His Excellency the Archbishop and he also delivered the sermon. Rev. Charles Farrell, O.P., presided at Compline which took place before the ceremony started.


On the Feast of Blessed Clare, O.P., a High Mass was celebrated in honor of the Prioress, Mother Mary Clare.

On April 20, the annual Communion Breakfast of St. Dominic’s Chapter, took place in the convent basement Hall.

Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Detroit, Michigan

On March 6, after Vespers, Sister Mary of the Annunciation, O.P., made her Solemn Profession as a Lay Sister. Rev. C. J. Coletta, O.S.A., officiated at the ceremony, Solemn Benediction followed.

On March 9, Rev. J. Curley, O.P., from St. Dominic’s Parish, conducted a Holy Hour for Teenagers. Those present were enrolled in the Angelic Warfare.

The Solemn Novena preceding the great Feast of St. Joseph was conducted by Rev. E. F. Kelly, O.P.

On Easter Sunday, Shirley Marie Bowen of Gaylord, Michigan, entered the enclosure as a Choir Postulant.

On Sunday, April 20, Rev. Father Joseph Odrico Schmid, a Franciscan Missionary who has worked for 20 years in the vast Mission territory of Brazil, South America, visited the community, and after Holy Mass gave the Community an inspiring talk on the great work of the Church in Brazil.

From April 22 to 30, the annual retreat was conducted by Rev. Fr. Joseph Manning, O.P., of Somerset, Ohio.