

THE CLOISTER CHRONICLE

Province of St. Joseph

On September 8 occurred the silver sacerdotal jubilee of our Very Rev. Prior Provincial Fr. Raymond Meagher, O.P., S.T.Lr., the Very Rev. Ex-Provincial Fr. M. L. Heagen, O. P., S. T. Lr., and of the Rev. R. F. Larpenteur, O. P. Dominicana extends to the Reverend Jubilarians the hearty congratulations of all the Novices.

The Very Rev. Prior of the House of Studies Fr. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. B., returned the last week in August from Europe after representing Saint Joseph's Province at the Definitors' General Chapter of the Order at Corias, Spain.

At the Novices' summer home, Ocean City, Md., the feast of our Holy Father Saint Dominic, August 4, was celebrated with solemnity. Solemn High Mass was sung in the morning. In the evening a literary-musical-dramatic program was rendered by the Novices and Mr. Charlemagne Koehler, Professor of Sacred Oratory. Among the distinguished guests were the Very Rev. Augustine Waldron, O. P., S. T. M., a number of the Fathers, Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales, and Captain Hudson of Station No. 145 of the United States Coast Guard.

During the summer three Novices from Rosaryville, La., the American convent of the Holy Rosary Province, Manila, joined our Novitiate to complete their studies and master the English language, Bros. Vitalis Fueyo, O. P., Angelus de Blas, and Marcelin Sanchez, O. P. They were accompanied by Father Lumbreras, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., Professor of Moral Theology at Rosaryville.

The Novitiate has been increased by the arrival of sixteen students of philosophy from St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky.

The Novices returned from their summer home September 3, and entered retreat that same evening. The Retreat Master this year was the Very Rev. Joseph Ripple, O. P., P. G.

On the feast of Bl. Benedict XI, July 7, Mr. Henry Hughes was clothed with the Lay Brother habit by the Very Rev. Sub-

Prior, Fr. Augustine Waldron, O. P., S. T. M., and received the name Bro. Benedict.

On July 25, feast of St. James Apostle, Mr. John Murphy and Mr. Hugh B. McBride received the Lay Brother habit. They will be known as Brother James and Brother Gregory.

Fr. Ignatius Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., late Prior of Saint Catherine's, New York City, and National Director of the Holy Name Society, has been given the newly created Chair of Thomistic Philosophy at the Catholic University of America.

The Right Rev. John T. McNicholas, O. P., D. D., will be the preacher at the foundation stone laying of the National Shrine of our Immaculate Mother at the Catholic University, September 23.

Fr. E. A. Baxter, O. P., of the Eastern Mission Band and world war chaplain, preached the retreat this summer at the Sisters' College, Catholic University.

The Fathers of the Province will join the Novices October 2 in congratulating Mr. Charlemagne Koehler, M. A., on his sixtieth birthday. Mr. Koehler is a master in the art of expression, having spent five years in the companies of the peerless Shakespearean artists, Mr. Edwin Booth, Mr. Lawrence Barrett, and Madame Helena Modjeska. On the death of Mr. Booth he joined the Order, but after a year was obliged to leave because of ill health. He has since taught oratory at the Catholic University of America, the Universities of Georgetown, Notre Dame and Detroit, and during the summer months for the past six years at Dominican College, Ocean City, Md. May God reward him for his life of unselfish devotion to His Church, to His priests, and to the Friars of Saint Joseph's Province.

The retreat for the Missionaries at the House of Studies which closed September 3, was conducted by the Very Rev. Joseph Ripple, O. P., P. G.

The diocese of Rochester still shows a predilection for Dominican Missionaries. Missions are booked for the fall in the parishes of St. Mary's, Auburn; St. Joseph's Livonia; St. Paul, Honeoye Falls; St. Michael, Penn Yan; St. Ann, Palmyra; St. Michael, Newark; and St. Monica, St. John, Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of Lourdes, Blessed Sacrament in Rochester itself.

Frs. J. R. Dooley, O. P., and Hugh Welsh, O. P., have been assigned to the Eastern Mission Band.

During the past year the Fathers of the Western Mission Band gave 93 missions, 27 retreats, 11 forty hours, 120 first Holy Communions, made 143 converts, had an attendance of 72,670, gave 200,739 Holy Communions. The fall schedule is well filled.

Fr. J. C. Timony, O. P., will preach the novena in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows in the Servites' Church, Superior, Wis.

The Fathers of the Western Band will give a two weeks mission beginning September 5, in the Cathedral, Duluth, Minn.

The novena in honor of St. Anne preached by Frs. Lawler, O. P., Wynn, O. P., and Timony, O. P., in the Church of St. Anne of Brighton, Chicago, July 17-26, was one of the greatest demonstrations of faith ever witnessed by the missionaries. Ten thousand people coming from Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and many other States of the West took part in the procession on Sunday afternoon; and almost as many in processions on two evenings of the novena.

After finishing his retreat program September 8, Fr. C. M. Thuente, O. P., returned to the fruitful fields of Nebraska to continue his labors for the Holy Name Society till the end of November.

Father Thuente, O. P., gave six retreats to the Clergy of Philadelphia, Dallas, Lincoln and Superior.

The Very Rev. Joseph Ripple, O. P., P. G., gave the retreat to the Buffalo Clergy at Niagara.

The Very Rev. Henry Healy, O. P., P. G., gave the retreat to the Clergy of the Syracuse and Rochester dioceses.

The Very Rev. L. F. Kearney, O. P., S. T. M., preached the retreat to the clergy of the Wilmington Diocese at Villanova College.

August 15, Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., preached at the Centenary Celebration of St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, Ohio, which was founded by the Fathers of St. Joseph's Province.

Fr. T. a'K. Reilly, O. P., preached two retreats this summer to the clergy of the Cleveland diocese.

The Very Rev. Joseph Ripple, O. P., P. G., late Head of the Southern Mission Band, has been chosen to succeed Fr. Ignatius Smith, O. P., as National Director of the Holy Name Society, and Editor of The Holy Name Journal.

Fr. Fannon, O. P., has been chosen to succeed the Very Rev. Joseph Ripple, O. P., P. G., as Superior of the Southern Mission Band. He will make his headquarters at St. Louis Bertrand's Priory, Louisville, Ky.

Fr. F. B. Gorman, O. P., has been chosen secretary to the Very Rev. Fr. Provincial Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr.

Fr. F. L. Kelly, O. P., recently received the following tribute from the Federal Prison, Atlanta, Ga.: "For twenty-five years Father Kelly has been the Catholic chaplain in the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, and his splendid work among the unfortunates there has received country wide recognition and gained him friends through the length and breadth of the land. In magazines and newspapers his work has been commented upon again and again. A tall powerful figure in the white habit of the Dominican Order, even with the silvery hair and more than three score and a half years resting upon his broad shoulders, he is still the indomitable fighter for his Church and his Faith. Undaunted, invincible, unconquered, he has fought the fight not only for recognition of the Church within the prison walls but the fight for human treatment of the unfortunates and is the instigator of many a reform and betterment in their conditions. And till the last drop of his blood, till death's cold hand lies chill on his heart he will go on fighting. St. Catherine's Chapel in the Ohio Penitentiary undoubtedly ranks foremost of any chapel in any penal institution in the world." (Catholic Columbian, Columbus, Ohio, August 6.)

Fr. T. M. Schwertner, O. P., Editor of The Rosary Magazine, gave several lectures at the Catholic Summer School, Cliff Haven, N. Y., on "The Monastic Ideal."

Our readers may remember in the last December issue a notice of "The Lecture Guild," a bureau for the spread of things

and views Catholic, with headquarters at 7 East 42d Street, New York City. We have just received a circular containing seven classes of lecture subjects, the names of fifty-eight lecturers men and women, and two hundred and fifty-six lectures. Out of these we find that thirty-five will be given by Fathers of St. Joseph's Province, Frs. T. M. Schwertner, O. P., Ignatius Smith, O. P., Francis O'Neil, O. P., W. R. Bonniwell, O. P., Vincent C. Donovan, O. P. The secretary of the Guild, Miss Blanche Mary Dillon, will gladly furnish our interested readers with all information for engaging the lecturers.

* On July 19 five Fathers of St. Joseph's Province were thirty-five years ordained. They are the Very Rev. D. R. Towle, O. P., P. G., Frs. J. E. Kernan, O. P., M. A. Sheehan, O. P., W. J., O'Leary, O. P., and J. C. Gilroy, O. P. The Novices extend their hearty good wishes.

At the Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Archdiocese of Chicago, June 9, the following Fathers were present, the Very Rev. Provincial Fr. Raymond Meagher, O. P., the Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O. P., Fr. Glendon, O. P., of Cork, Fr. Philip Thamm, O. P., and Fr. V. F. Kienberger, O. P.

Fr. C. H. Callan, O. P., S. T. Lr., and Fr. J. A. McHugh, O. P., S. T. Lr., for the past five years have been laboring very fruitfully for souls at Maryknoll Foreign Mission Seminary as Professors of Philosophy, Exegesis and Dogmatic Theology, and in a special way through the Homiletic Monthly and Pastoral Review of which they are the Editors.

At the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of the Priests' Eucharistic League held in Philadelphia, August 3-4, the Very Rev. J. R. Heffernan, O. P., took an active part. At the first session a paper was read on "The Mass and the Priest's Personal Sanctification," by Fr. V. F. Kienberger, O. P.

The Providence College drive for clearing the institution of debt and equipping it with laboratories, library and athletic field was launched May 30-June 7. President, Right Rev. Wm. A. Hickey, D. D.; Treasurer, Fr. Albert Casey, O. P.; Secretary, Mr. Wm. J. Keenan, Rhode Island State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus. The drive was most successful, \$75,000.00 being subscribed over the intended \$250,000.00.

The College began its second year, September 17, with four new members added to the faculty, Frs. Aida Elrington, O. P., Justin McManus, O. P., Philip Thamm, O. P., V. F. Kienberger, O. P., making fifteen in all. Eighty-four students were enrolled last year in the Freshman Class in the departments of Arts, Letters, Science and Pre-Medical. For the coming year eighty-five per cent of La Salle Academy graduates have planed to register. The new Freshman Class will probably contain one hundred students.

Foreign Provinces

With the opening of the scholastic year at the Collegio Angelico a special course in History of Philosophy will be inaugurated, divided into five periods: I. Ancient—Fr. Garrigou-Lagrange, O. P., S. T. M., of the Province of France; II. Medieval—Part 1. Before St. Thomas—Fr. Michael Browne, O. P., S. T. Lr., of the Irish Province; III. Medieval—Part 2 St. Thomas—Fr. Clement Suermondt, O. P., S. T. M., of the Dutch Province; IV. Medieval—Part 3 Period of Decadence—Fr. Anselm Rohner, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., of the German Province; V. Modern—Fr. James Ramirez, O. P., S. T. Lr., of the Spanish Province.

On May 27 the Simple Novitiate of the Italian Province was transferred by the Vicar General of the Order, Fr. Lehu, O. P., S. T. M., from the Collegio Angelico to the convent of La Quercia near Viterbo, where Père Lacordaire made his novitiate.

During the eighty-third congress of The French Archeological Society held in Alsace-Lorraine, June 21-29, Fr. Thiriot, O. P., an authority on Dominican history in Lorraine, received a silver medal in recognition of his scientific labors. He is well known by his translations of "*OEuvres Mystiques du Bienheureux Henri Suso*" (Paris, Lecoffre, 1899, 2 vols.), and "*Recherches sur l'Ordre des Freres Precheurs a Metz*" in the "*Jahrbuch der Gesellschaft fur lothringische Geschichte und Altertumskunde*, 1892 and 1893."

During this congress the delegates visited the cities having the most beautiful historical monuments, and accorded first rank to the ancient Dominican churches, at least those which escaped the destroyers, and which are the witnesses and inspiration of our great Alsatian mystics, and architects, such as Volmar and

Rudolph Fuchs. The churches of Colmar and Guebwiller are admirable for the boldness and simplicity of their lines; the cloister and church of Unterlinden (Colmar), the home of medieval mysticism, are not less remarkable. The beauty of these edifices makes one regret the disappearance of our churches at Strassbourg, Metz, Haguenau, and one of the most memorable, that of Schlestadt.

At the Social Week of France, which met at Caen, Belgium, August 2-7, Père Gillet, O. P., Professor at the House of Studies of the Province of France, Saulchoir, near Kain, Belgium, delivered the opening discourse in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Amette in the Church of St. Stephen. His subject was "Les Vertus morales et les problèmes de la Production."

Père Synave, O. P., Professor at Saulchoir, has just published a History of the Church. (Hatier, Paris.)

At the seventh hundredth anniversary celebration of the Cathedral of Amiens the sermon was preached by Père Padé, O. P.

Nineteen magazines are being published by the French Fathers. They are La Revue Biblique (Jerusalem), La Revue Thomiste (Toulouse), La Revue des Sciences Philosophiques et Théologiques (Paris), La Revue Lacordaire (Paris. Temporarily suspended), La Vie Spirituelle (Toulouse), L'Année Dominicaine (Paris), La Quinzaine Dominicaine (Toulouse), La Malice de Jésus Christ (Paris. Temporarily suspended), L'Echo du Patronage de S. Thomas d'Aquin (Le Havre), La Couronne de Marie (Lyons), Le Bulletin des Petites Fleurs du Rosaire (Lyons), Le Rosaire (Toulouse), L'Echo du Rosaire (Lille), Le Messenger du Rosaire (Nancy), Le Bulletin Mensuel du T. S. Rosaire (Amiens. Temporarily suspended), La Voix du Rosaire (Dijon. Temporarily suspended), La Couronne des Roses (Massoul. Temporarily suspended).

In commemoration of the seventh centenary of the foundation of the Monastery of St. Sixtus a French translation in two volumes will be published by Père Berthier, O. P., of the beautiful Italian Chronicle written by the Dominican Nuns of this venerable home of Dominicanism. It will be an interesting and valuable contribution to the history of the Order.

May 7, Mgr. Florent de la Villerabel, Vicar General of Amiens and a fervent Tertiary of our Order, was made Auxiliary Bishop of Tours.

Two venerable Dominicans died recently, Fr. Albert M. Firtsch, O. P., April 5, in his eightieth year, fifty-ninth of religious profession, Province of Lyons; and Fr. Constant M. Hiertz, April 16, in his seventy-eighth year, fifty-eighth of profession, of the Holland Province. May they rest in peace.

The Fathers of Cagliari, are publishing a new monthly, "Il Risveglio Domenicano," by which they propose to help restore the spirit of St. Dominic in Sardinia.

Right Rev. Natale Gabriel Moriondo, O. P., Bishop of Cuneo, has been appointed Apostolic Visitor to the new republic of Georgia. He was formerly head of the Dominican Mission in Constantinople; he was consecrated July 5, 1914, and will reside at Tiflis.

Restorations are being made in the Dominican basilica of Santa Maria di Porto Salvo, Malto. The magnificent stalls have been completed and embellished by an artist of great talent, Fr. Marcolin Mercier, O. P.

The State of Peru has just issued a memorial representing the obsequies of Atahualpa, the last king of the Incas, strangled by Pizarro in 1533. On this memorial are represented the first Spanish Dominicans who preached the faith in this region, Frs. Valverde, Pedraza, San Martin, Esquivel, Ulloa, Montenegro and Dominic of St. Thomas.

The Very Rev. John Dominic Vargas, O. P., S. T. Lr., Sub-Prior of the Convent of Arequipa, Peru, a noted preacher and writer, has been made Bishop of Huaraz.

The Royal Academy of History at Madrid accorded, February 27, a prize of 1000 pesetas to Fr. J. Cuervo, O. P., for his book, "Fr. Luis de Granada, verdradero y unico autor del Libro de la Oracion."

The Dominican Nuns at Port of Spain, Trinidad, are laboring heroically for souls. The Lazar House includes 18 buildings, sheltering 600 patients. The Sisters of Etrapagny besides care

for almost 300 orphans, and their schools and colleges are prospering.

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Dominican Mission at Curaçao (an island near Venezuela) by the Dutch Fathers, the Holy Father sent a letter of congratulation to our Most Rev. Master General, Fr. Louis Theissling, O. P., who is an Ex-Provincial of the Holland Province. Right Rev. Vuijlsteke, O. P., Vicar Apostolique, and the Fathers at the mission received congratulations from His Eminence Cardinal Rossum, Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

During the past year the Fathers of the Holy Rosary Province laboring in Fuchow, China, administered 753 baptisms to adults; more than 1980 to Christian boys; 4261 to abandoned babies; 460 to pagans in articulo mortis; 134,210 holy communions; 79,859 confessions. Sister Trinity Arraria, O. S. D., at the same mission writes that 2396 children were gathered by the Holy Infancy.

The Very Rev. Vincent De Groot, O. P., S. T. M., Professor at the University of Amsterdam, has been chosen president of the Holland Committee for the 600th anniversary celebration of the death of Dante next year. Fr. H. Molkemboer, O. P., is secretary.

The grand old province of Poland is undergoing great hardships, and merits our earnest prayers. Fr. Junik, O. P., writes to the editor of *L'Année Dominicaine*: "The convents of the Province for the most part have been ruined. The magnificent Convent of Podkamien, the sanctuary of our Province, has been burned by the Russians and Germans; at Bohorodozany and at Jezupol not a convent nor a church remains. More than fifteen Fathers have been killed, and vocations are rare because most of the youth are under arms. Behold the state of our Province. We hope in divine Providence and in the protection of Saint Hyacinth."

The Dominicans of Drogheda hold and venerate in their church the head of Blessed Oliver Plunket, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, beatified May 23.

The Very Rev. A. E. Langlais, O. P., Ex-Provincial of the Canadian Province, has been called to Rome by the General Chapter as a member of the commission for revising the constitutions and adapting them to the New Code of Canon Law.

Fr. Turcotte, O. P., at the close of the school year preached the retreat at the Diocesan Seminary of St. Charles, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

For celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the death of Saint Jerome, whose feast occurs September 30, a number of publications of a scientific nature will appear through the Pious Society of Saint Jerome. Père Lagrange, O. P., is contributing to "Melanges d'Etudes Hyeronimiennes," already in the press.

Preparations are being made for the beatification of Ven. Fr. Antoninus Timmermans, O. P., of Antwerp, who was martyred in 1582 for the seal of confession.

The process is also being formed for the beatification of 1315 Dominican Martyrs most of whom died for the Faith in the Central Vicariate of Tonquin. It is hoped it will be in time for the celebration of Saint Dominic's death, August 4th of next year.

Dominican Sisters

Congregation of St. Catharine of Sienna

On March 6th and 7th thirteen novices pronounced first vows and twenty-two postulants received the habit. The ceremony was preceded by a ten days' retreat conducted by Rev. J. R. Volz, O. P., of St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Ky.

A retreat for the young lady-students of the Academy was given by Rev. Father Clark, O. P., of the Southern Mission Band. Forty Hours Devotion was in progress at the same time in the Convent Chapel, and all terminated on the feast of the patroness of the institution, St. Catharine of Sienna. On this day Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of eighteen.

The annual retreat at St. Catharine's, under the direction of Rev. V. R. Burnell, O. P., closed on August 1st.

On the 4th of August, one postulant received the holy habit and ten novices made first vows. Many other young Sisters from the different houses of the congregation renewed their vows, while others made final vows.

While the retreat was in progress at the Mother House, other retreats were conducted for the Sisters in the East and West. Father J. D. Wildenberg, O. P., was retreat-master at Sacred Heart Academy, Watertown, Mass.; Rev. P. J. Maher, O. P., at St. Dominic's Academy, Waverly, Mass.; Rev. Francis O'Neil, O. P., at the Immaculate Conception Academy, Hastings, Neb.; Rev. Father Dugan, O. P., at Our Lady of Lourdes, Academy, Spalding, Neb.

Congregation of St. Mary's of the Springs

At an election recently made at the Mother House of the Sisters of St. Dominic, St. Mary of the Springs, Shepard, Ohio, Sr. Maria Theresa was appointed Prioress. Under her able and energetic direction, St. Mary's will undoubtedly continue to be one of the foremost educational centers of the Middle West.

Seven members of the Music Department of St. Mary's of the Springs attended a series of lectures given at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, during the month of August. The course, under the direction of Prof. Le Roy B. Campbell, was a thorough amplification of the work that the Sisters have been pursuing in the Normal School of Progressive Series of Piano Lessons.

Congregation of Sinsinawa

On June 3rd, Rt. Rev. Bishop Drumm delivered a commencement address at Sinsinawa, Wis., and paid an eloquent tribute to Father Mazzuchelli, O. P., and Mother Emily, O. S. D., as pioneer Dominican educators in Southern Wisconsin.

On June 20th, Archbishop Mundelein laid the corner-stone for the new Rosary College at River Forest. His Grace delivered a splendid discourse on the need of education for Catholic women. Father J. D. Cavanaugh, O. P., was Master of Ceremonies. A large gathering of priests, nuns and people was present.

Congregation of Dominican Sisters of the Diocese of Brooklyn

Retreats for the Dominican Sisters of the Brooklyn Diocese were conducted by the Very Rev. Fathers Heagen, O. P., and Thunte, O. P.

Fifteen postulants received the habit at the Novitiate House at Amityville on June 8th, and eighteen novices were admitted to profession on July 5th. At the same time ten Sisters pronounced their final vows.

Twelve Sisters celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their profession on August 1st, and five celebrated their fiftieth anniversary on September 6th. The golden jubilarians, Mother M. Margaret, Mother M. Philomena, Sister M. Apollonia, Sister M. Laurence, and Sister M. Helena were all members of the parish of the Most Holy Trinity, Montrose Ave., Brooklyn; therefore the pastor of that church, Rev. G. A. Metzger, invited the Sisters to celebrate their golden jubilee with a Solemn High Mass at their home church.

Congregation of the Perpetual Rosary

On August 4th Solemn High Mass in honor of St. Dominic was celebrated at the Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, Camden, N. J. Father Cuthbert Cotten, O. F. M., officiated. Later in the day Father Cotten's sister was received into the community.

Congregation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Two hundred Sisters from the various communities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans followed the course of Music at the Summer Normal School held by the Progressive Series Society at Dominican College, June 28th-July 16th. To the Dominican Sisters belong the honor of the highest averages in the normal examinations, and to one of the community belongs the distinction of being the first graduate teacher of Progressive Series Piano Lessons in the State of Louisiana.

On the feast of St. Dominic two postulants were clothed in the habit of our Order and seven novices made their first profession. Solemn Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Martin, O. P., Vicar-Provincial of Holy Rosary Province, Philippines.

Congregation of the Holy Name

The Dominican Sisters of the Holy Name Congregation, California, have a wide field for their educational work. They report a steadily increasing attendance in both parochial and private schools, and note with gratification that graduates from their secondary school are pursuing their studies with credit at Stanford and at the University of California. A much needed gymnasium and swimming pool have been added to the attractions of the Dominican College at San Rafael, and a new library is being equipped according to modern standards. Edgehill, an estate with a fine park and well cultivated farm-lands, has been recently purchased for the rapidly growing junior college. A normal school for the Novitiate has been established to give the young Sisters every advantage that will enable them the more nobly to live up to their inheritance, the spirit of the Dominican Order.

