



# CLOISTER & CHRONICLE



## ST. JOSEPH'S PROVINCE

With sincere regret the Novices of the House of Studies chronicle the departure of Rev. J. W. Owens, O. P., S. T. Lr., from the Novitiate, where since October, 1917, he has ably and successfully filled the office of Novice Master. "Dominicana" is particularly indebted to Fr. Owens, for his wise counsel and prudent direction have been mainly responsible for bringing the publication to its present standard. Fr. Owens, however, still remains in the House of Studies as professor of dogmatic theology.

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On January 2nd Rev. Sylvester Considine, O. P., S. T. Lr., succeeded to the office of Novice Master left vacant by the retirement of Fr. Owens. Fr. Considine recently returned from Jerusalem and Rome where he spent several years in special studies in Scripture. Besides filling the office of Novice Master, Fr. Considine has also been appointed to the chair of Scripture.

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The annual public scholastic exercises in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas were held in the House of Studies on the evening of March 7th, attended by representatives from the various religious communities located at the Catholic University. The program: "Veni Creator Spiritus," sung by a double quartet of novices, Bros. Mannes Delavigne, O. P., Matthew O'Connor, O. P., Edmund Rocks, O. P., Cyprian Meehan, O. P., Paul Doane, O. P., Richard King, O. P., Stanislaus Kennedy, O. P., and Anselm McCabe, O. P.; (2) Overture, "No Me Olvides" Claude Lapham, by the Novitiate Orchestra; (3) Paper—"The Sixth Centenary of the Canonization of St. Thomas," by Rev. Bro. Bernardine Myers, O. P.; (4) "Panis Angelicus" sung by the double quartet; (5) Selection, "The Crusader" (Sousa) by the Orchestra; (6) Paper—"St. Thomas, Doctor Communis" by Rev. Bro. Jordan Baeszler, O. P.; (7) "Ecce Panis Angelorum" sung by the double quartet; (8) Paper—"St. Thomas and Scripture," by Rev. Reginald Hughes, O. P.; (9) Selection, "Valse Classique" by the Orchestra; (10) Solemn disputation—"Whether those things that are of Faith can be known by science" (Summa Theologica, IIa IIae, Q. 1, Art. 5), Bro. Leonard Callahan, O. P., defender, Rev. Bro. Joseph Ortea, O. P., objector; (11) Finale, "Pasadena," by the Orchestra.

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Revs. Augustine Naselli, O. P., Antoninus Healy, O. P., Gabriel Knauff, O. P., Dionysius Muller, O. P., and Nicholas Ehrenfried, O. P., of the province of the Holy Name, after completing their course of studies, left Washington in February for California, where they will be assigned to the active ministry.

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The Rosary Foreign Mission Society has been organized for the purpose of raising funds to support the new Chinese mission of the Fathers of St. Joseph's Province. The progress made so far has been encouraging. All persons who are interested in the work of the mission are invited to

become members. Full particulars may be had on application to the headquarters of the Society, 839 Lexington Ave., New York City.

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The first celebration in the United States to commemorate the six hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Holy Name Society was held in Philadelphia on January 29, with His Eminence, Cardinal Dougherty, presiding. The principal speaker of the occasion was the Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G., national director of the Holy Name Society.

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Rev. C. M. Thuenté, O. P., gave a retreat to the Washington, D. C., members of the "Marianum," the association of priests' housekeepers, in that city February 25-29.

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The Novices take this occasion to express their sincere and heart-felt sympathy to the Revs. B. C. Werner, O. P., and Martin McDermott, O. P., and Bros. Humbert Kane, O. P., and Dennis Gilligan, O. P., on the death of their fathers; and we also ask our readers to remember these departed souls in their prayers.

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Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O. P., of Providence College, delivered a course of six lectures on Social Service to the Shepherdesses Association, the women's auxiliary of the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Providence, on Sundays from Feb. 3 to March 10.

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Very Rev. W. G. Moran, O. P., Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's Convent, New York, preached the sermon at the dedication of the new St. Mary's Church, Providence, on January 27. Fr. Moran formerly served as an altar boy in St. Mary's.

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Rev. J. B. Kelly, O. P., has been transferred from the Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, to St. Raymond's Church, Providence.

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Rev. L. E. Hughes, O. P., S. T. Lr., was the preacher at the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the New York Policemen's Holy Name Society, celebrated in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church on Washington's birthday.

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The Providence "Visitor" recently printed a very able answer to a lecture on "Evolution," which had been given by Prof. Albert Mead of Brown University, from the pen of Rev. W. P. Thamm, O. P., of the Providence College faculty. Fr. Thamm had been commissioned by Bishop Hickey of Providence to reply to Prof. Mead.

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Bro. Leonard Callahan, O. P., has been appointed editor of the Friars' Bookshelf department of "Dominicana" to succeed Bro. Athanasius McLoughlin, O. P., whose retirement was rendered imperative by ill health.

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Six Italian Dominicans, especially selected by the Most Reverend Master General have arrived in the United States where they will give missions to the Italian-speaking Catholics.

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Rev. Raphael Carpentier, O. P., of Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, has been elected chaplain of the World War Veterans of the 69th Regiment of New York.

Yale University has released the film "Columbus," the first of a series of thirty-three motion pictures illustrating the history of America from its discovery to Appomattox. In the first film no mention was made of the role played by Diego de Deza, the illustrious Spanish Dominican, concerning whom Columbus wrote to Ferdinand and Isabella: "It was he who was the cause of Your Majesties' possessing the Indies." Rev. Thomas M. Schwertner, O. P., protested against the omission and submitted data to prove Deza's claim to recognition, whereupon the original films were withdrawn and a title inserted describing Deza's share in the exploit of Columbus. Fr. Schwertner has been invited to supervise the Catholic scenes to be portrayed in all succeeding films.

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### FOREIGN PROVINCES

The Most Reverend Master General in a circular letter to the whole Order makes the welcome announcement that the Italian government has restored to the custody of the Order the venerable Convent of Bologna, built in the thirteenth century and containing the tomb of St. Dominic.

Rev. Alphonsus Langlais, O. P., S. T. Lr., ex-provincial of Canada, and a member of the commission charged with the revision of the Constitutions of the Order has been made a consultor of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation.

Rev. Joseph Espina, O. P., has been named procurator-general for the Dominican missions to be represented at the universal Missionary Congress to be held at the Vatican in 1925.

Revs. Mannes Babonneau, Antoninus Vuillermet, O. P., Louis Gillet, O. P., and Raphael Lemarchand, O. P., of the province of France, have been elevated to the rank and dignity of Preachers General.

To commemorate the sixth centenary of the canonization of St. Thomas Aquinas the Dominicans of Canada have published an excellent octavo volume entitled "St. Thomas d'Aquin, Une Serie d'Etudes."

Foundations have been laid for a new parochial school in the parish of St. Anne, Fall River, Mass., in charge of the Fathers of the Canadian province. The new school will accommodate 1800 pupils and will cost half a million dollars.

Rev. Francis Vasquez, O. P., S. T. Lr., of the province of Betica, Spain, has been appointed by the Master General visitator of the province of St. Catharine, Quito, Ecuador.

Rev. Innocent Strunk, O. P., of the Province of Germany, has been made chaplain of the Catholic students at the University of Berlin.

Rev. Thuribius Ardanza, O. P., apostolic penitentiary of St. Mary Major in Rome, has been appointed by the Congregation for the Oriental Churches to be novice master for the Maronite monks of St. Isaias.

Very Rev. J. J. Berthier, O. P., S. T. M., of the province of France, has received from the Cardinal Secretary of State a brief of congratulation on the appearance of the first volume of a study on St. Thomas Aquinas, entitled "Doctor Communis."

Very Rev. John M. Perier, O. P., S. T. Lr., provincial of Lyons province, is at present on a visitation of the missions of the province in Tonquin and Indo-China.

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The next General Chapter of the Order will be held at the Collegio Angelico, Rome, in September of this year.

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Very Rev. Angelus Miskov, O. P., S. T. M., ex-provincial of Dalmatia, who has been actively engaged in giving missions for over forty years, requested the last Provincial Chapter of that province to relieve him of his duties as head of the mission band, owing to declining health.

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### DOMINICAN SISTERS

#### **Convent of the Queen of the Holy Rosary (Amityville, N. Y.)**

On last Thanksgiving Day Sister Mary Imelda Rittman celebrated the golden jubilee of her profession, at St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Father McLaughlin continues his weekly conferences to the novices.

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On November 12th, Dr. Milo McDonald, principal of one of New York's largest high schools, addressed the Normal School in, "How school can be made more interesting."

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Christmas was, as usual, celebrated in monastic manner at the Novitiate, with the Midnight Mass celebrated by the Rev. J. B. Dawkins, O. P. The singing of Matins preceded the Mass, after which Lauds was sung.

Under the energetic leadership of the Very Rev. Thomas Nummey and his capable advisory board, Mary Immaculate Hospital bids fair to become the greatest and most efficient Catholic Hospital in the East.

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#### **Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary (New York, N. Y.)**

On November 9th, Sister Mary Catherine Riordan, after a lingering illness of a year, went to receive the reward of a long and fruitful life in the service of her Master. Sister Catherine was associated with the Foundress in establishing this Community, and introduced the Dominicans into the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in 1901. Since that time, she devoted herself to the task of bringing the Dominican schools there to the high degree of efficiency they have attained.

On Christmas Eve, Sister Mary Louis Peel, for many years a companion to Sister Catherine, was called to her eternal home.

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The early morning hours of February 1st, marked the passing of the soul of Sister Mary Angelita McKenna.

Five postulants were invested with the habit on December 8th, and five novices pronounced their first vows.

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#### **Rosary Hill Home (Hawthorne, N. Y.)**

Following the Midnight Mass, carols were sung for the patients by the children of a neighboring Protestant Sunday School. Members of the Catholic Ladies Society and three newly ordained priests visited.

Among the visitors in January was the Very Rev. Clement M. Thuente, O. P.

Five conversions among the sick have been made in one week.

The first portion of the new Rosary Hill Home is near completion. During December and January \$16,000 came into the Building Fund.

#### **Foreign Mission Sisters of St. Dominic (Maryknoll, N. Y.)**

On December 8th seven postulants received the habit, from the hands of Rev. James A. Walsh, Superior of Maryknoll. The ceremony took place in St. Martha's Chapel.

On February 15th the first twenty-five Sisters of this community pronounced their final vows. Mother Mary Joseph, first Superior General of the community, made her final profession at Gishu, Korea, where she was inspecting the newly established Maryknoll Mission center in the Hermit Kingdom.

At the missions of the Sisters in the West, where the Japanese find education, four Sisters at Seattle, Washington, and three at Los Angeles, California, pronounced final vows.

The retreat prior to the profession ceremony at Maryknoll was conducted by Rev. Thomas Schwertner, O. P., editor of the Rosary Magazine.

#### **Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary (West Hoboken, N. J.)**

The Sisters celebrated the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas with all due solemnity on March 7th, before which time a solemn novena was made, in preparation for this event. The Most Blessed Sacrament was exposed all day in honor of the Angelic Doctor.

Third Order meetings are held regularly on the third Sunday of each month, in the chapel. Only a year ago this Chapter was formed, and today it claims thirty-five members.

At the January meeting the Tertiaries recited their Office for the first time in public. A Chapter for men will be organized in the near future. The Rev. Bernard Hughes, O. P., is Spiritual Director of the Third Order.

On the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, five postulants were received within the enclosure, which has increased the number of Sisters to fifty-three.

A novice made temporary profession and a professed novice pronounced final vows on December 8th, Rev. Cyril Coudeyre, O. P., presiding. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Chidwick, D. D., pastor of St. Agnes' Church of New York City, delivered an impressive sermon on "Religious Life," and Solemn Benediction brought the ceremony to a close.

#### **Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary (Catonsville, Maryland.)**

The Silver Jubilee services, to commemorate the founding of the present convent, were private, and were conducted by the Very Rev. Clement M. Thuente, O. P., assisted by the Sulpician Fathers from St. Charles' College and visiting priests. There will be public Jubilee services later.



In the little chapel Midnight Mass was celebrated on Christmas. At 7 a. m. Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Vieban, S. S., former Superior of the Convent.

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There was a solemn novena for the feast of the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas. During the past year there has been a continual series of novenas to commemorate the sexcentenary of this great Dominican Saint.

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The convent has an authentic relic of St. Vincent Ferrer, a piece of his bone, presented by a Dominican Father. Many graces and favors have been received through the use of St. Vincent water, and the medal of the Saint. Both water and medals may be obtained at the convent.

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#### **St. Catherine Academy (St. Catherine, Kentucky.)**

The distinguished artist, Miss Mary Langley, was heard in concert recently in St. Catherine Auditorium, when a large audience enjoyed her rich contralto voice.

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The students of the Academy have organized a Rosary Foreign Mission Society.

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The beautiful picture, "The Cross Bearer," was presented in the Academy Hall on the evening of February 3rd.

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A complete new set of Summa of St. Thomas Aquinas, in artistic binding, was recently presented to St. Catherine's library by Sister Mary Sienna, Superior of St. Bartholomew's School of Chicago, Illinois. She also presented statues of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Catherine of Sienna, with composition pedestals, to the study hall.

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A small volume, "Thoughts from the Writings of St. Thomas Aquinas," by a Sister of St. Dominic, St. Catherine, Kentucky, will soon come from the press.

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#### **Corpus Christi House (Duluth, Minnesota.)**

Sister Anne Mary made her profession on the feast of the Purification of Our Blessed Mother, when Sister Regina and Sister Vincent de Paul were clothed in the habit.

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At Corpus Christi Mount a number of Catholic deaf mutes now meet each week for religious instruction and recreation.

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There is no parochial school here, but the Sisters conduct a daily catechism school from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m.

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#### **Sacred Heart College and Academy (Grand Rapids, Michigan.)**

After thirty-five years of zealous work, Sister Mary Louise closed her eyes in the serenity of death, on the first day of the New Year.

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The Novitiate has had the pleasure on two recent occasions of having the Rev. James W. Donahue, of the Holy Cross Fathers, as a counseling visitant.

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Among the holiday visitors were: the Rev. Fr. Peter Lumbreras, O. P., and three Spanish Dominican Novices,—Brothers Vitale, Cyriacus and Evergistus.

As the Academic and Collegiate departments are now firmly established and fully equipped, the faculty is preparing to conduct a campaign for an increased number of resident students for next year.

The Rev. Francis O'Neil, O. P., conducted a three-day retreat for the student body, February 3rd to 7th.

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**Sacred Heart Convent (Galveston, Texas.)**

Two postulants received the habit on December 8th, and three Sisters celebrated the Silver Jubilee of their profession. The Jubilarians were the recipients of a cablegram from Our Holy Father, Pius XI.

The Children of Mary of St. Agnes Academy, Houston, observed this beautiful feast of Our Lady with a very appropriate celebration held in the evening.

Holy Rosary School (Dominican parish) is making rapid progress and will soon be among the most successful and best equipped schools in Houston.

The pupils of Sacred Heart Academy, Galveston, competed successfully for the prizes offered to all schools of the city for the best essay on "Fire Prevention in the Home." One of the pupils received first prize for her essay, which was one of several hundreds.

On March 25th, the Silver Jubilee of profession will be celebrated by Sisters Monica, Frances, Florence and Lawrence. There will be a reception of four postulants to the habit and two novices will make simple profession.

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**Holy Rosary Hospital (Ontario, Oregon.)**

The physicians of Ontario and the surrounding country formed a staff with regular meetings, and are now doing very good work. The staff of Holy Rosary Hospital attended the January meeting of the staff of Mercy Hospital, Nampa, Idaho, and many medical problems were discussed.

The Ontario women of all creeds have formed a Hospital Auxiliary, which holds meetings bi-monthly for the purpose of sewing the hospital linen. The Auxiliary is looking forward to a number of social entertainments.

The business men of Ontario and Malheur Counties are forming an association to help the hospital towards necessary improvements.

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**Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary (Mission San Jose, Calif.)**

The tridium in honor of the sixth hundredth anniversary of the canonization of St. Thomas Aquinas was held on the 18th, 19th and 20th of last November. On each of these days the Mass was sung by the Sisters, and in the afternoon there was Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The closing sermon was delivered by the Rev. Father Aquinas McDonnell, O. P.

The ancient priory of San Domingo at San Miguel Allende, in the state of Guanajuato, Mexico, has been affiliated, with papal permission, to the Congregation of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. The affiliation was effected upon the request of the six surviving Sisters of the old priory, which was founded in 1750 by King Ferdinand VI of Spain.