

Ordination Class of 1924

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## **Ordinations**

ITHOUT doubt the chief event of each scholastic year to every Dominican student is the ceremony of Ordination—that blessed rite to which we all look forward with such fond hopes. It means an indescribable transfor-

mation in the lives of those thrice happy fellow novices, who are summoned to the Altar of God. They approach this wonderful sacrament as ordinary mortals, but returning, bear in their souls the indelible character of the Eternal Priesthood, and powers such as the greatest angel in heaven does not possess. To bless, to anoint, to absolve, and above all to hold the precious Body and Blood of God's Only Begotten Son—these are to be the duties of their newly consecrated hands.

At that sublime moment in their lives, when the sacred sign of the priesthood is traced upon their souls, they, whom we have known so well and with whom we have been in such intimate contact, take their places between earth and heaven, mediators, offering to the Almighty the prayers and sacrifices of His people, and receiving for them the blessings and graces they desire. In a word, they have become "other Christs." Truly, the priestly vocation is the greatest of all the gifts of God to His creature.

