Our Dominican Foreign Missionaries Receiving Their Formal Commission

Our second group of foreign missionaries among the Chinese of Kienning Fu, from Seattle, Five Dominican priests: Revs. John F. McCadden, Werner, O. P.; John R. Grace, O. P.; James G. O'Donnell, H. Sullivan, O. P.; and one lay brother, Brother Jordan Warden, compose the group, now on their way to our Chinese missions. Many of the brethren, relatives and friends bade them an affectionate farewell and God-speed before they embarked. Many beautiful and impressive ceremonies were held at various churches during the summer for the departing missionaries. The most solemn and significant of these was an event at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church on the evening of Wednesday, July 9th, when the Very Rev. Father Provincial Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Hayes and a large gathering of the brethren, relatives, Tertiaries, and friends, read to the missionaries their formal commission. It marked the formal charge to the missionaries to take up their new labors and the begin their actual journey to the distant field. The novices, who have spent years of close fraternal association with the young missionaries, unite with all the members of the province in wishing them a safe journey to our foreign field and an abundant harvest of souls.


In the chapel of the House of Studies on September 14th, Brothers Patrick Purcell, Isidore Roberts, and Walter Farrell made their solemn profession to the Very Reverend Prior.

On the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th, thirty-one postulants received the habit and began their year of simple novitiate at St. Joseph's Convent, Somerset, Ohio.

On August 20th, nineteen novices from St. Rose, Springfield, Ky., arrived at the House of Studies to continue their philosophical studies.

The solemnity of St. Dominic's Day, Monday, August 4th, was observed at the House of Studies, Washington, in an impressive manner. It was an event that attracted more than local notice. Many of the pastors
Baltimore, Superiors from all the neighboring faculties and Professors from the Catholic University of New York and other points joined our community of our holy Father. The formal opening ceremonies a reception was tendered to him after a large gathering of clergy and guests. Among those who accompanied the Very Reverend Father Provincial, Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. L., and his companion, Very Rev. J. A. Heenan, O. P., sailed from New York on August 9th for Rome to attend the intermediary General Chapter of the Order, at which the new Constitutions, revised to accord with the new Code of Canon Law, will receive their final revision. A large representation of the Brethren, secular clergy, Tertiaries and personal friends accompanied the Very Reverend Provincial to the dock for a final farewell and to wish him a safe passage and a successful mission.

Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G., has been appointed Vicar of the Province during the absence of the Very Reverend Provincial.

Very Rev. H. I. Smith, O. P., S. T. L., Ph. D., delivered the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement exercises of Gonzaga College, Washington and received from this college the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The novices congratulate their Father Prior on his new honors.

Rev. J. R. Fannan, O. P., for a number of years superior of the Southern Mission Band has been appointed to the Eastern Missionary Band with headquarters at St. Catherine's, New York. Father Fannan's work in the South has been extremely successful and under his direction the Southern Band has accomplished marvelous results.

Rev. V. R. Burnell, O. P., has been appointed head of the Southern Mission Band with headquarters at St. Louis Bertrand Convent, Louisville, to succeed the Rev. J. R. Fannan, O. P. Father Burnell has been a most successful member of the Eastern Band for more than ten years.

Rev. W. C. Kelly, O. P., of the Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City, and Rev. P. R. Carroll, O. P., of Providence, have been assigned to the Eastern Mission Band.

Rev. J. D. Fowler, O. P., has been transferred from St. Mary's Church, Johnson City, Tenn., to Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City.

Rev. V. G. Cleary, O. P., has been transferred from Holy Rosary Church, Houston, Texas, to the Southern Mission Band and assigned to St. Joseph's Convent, Somerset, Ohio.
Rev. J. B. Hughes, O. P., has been transferred from St. Antoninus, Newark, N. J., to Holy Rosary, Houston, Texas.

Rev. J. J. Regan, O. P., has been appointed to St. Dominic’s Church, Denver.

Rev. B. C. Murray, O. P., has been transferred from St. Dominic’s Church, Denver, to St. Mary’s, Johnson City, Tenn.

Rev. C. I. Cappellino, O. P., S. T. D., J. C. L., Ph. D., Professor of Canon Law and Fundamental Theology at the House of Studies, Washington, has been appointed to St. Catherine’s, New York, for special work on the Italian Mission Band. The good wishes of the novices of the House of Study are extended to their former professor for success in his new field of labor.

Rev. E. C. Daly, O. P., S. T. Lr., has been appointed Professor of Canon Law at the House of Studies.

The annual missionaries retreat was held at the House of Studies August 26th to September 5th and was attended by members of the various bands in the Eastern, Southern and Western territory. The retreat exercises were conducted by the Very Rev. H. I. Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., LL. D.

The community retreat of the House of Studies was held September 5th to 15th and was conducted by Rev. V. R. Burnell, O. P., newly appointed superior of the Southern Mission Band.


The modern and fully equipped new St. Antoninus parochial school, Newark, N. J., was dedicated on Sunday, August 17th. The congregation, a large number of clergy and visitors witnessed the ceremony.

Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. M., of the House of Studies, has been appointed Instructor of Dogma at the Catholic University.

Rev. H. L. Martin, O. P., for several years a member of the Aquinas College faculty has been transferred to St. Raymond’s, Providence, R. I.

Rev. F. L. Vander Heyden, O. P., S. T. Lr., and Rev. J. V. Dailey, O. P., of the House of Studies, have been assigned to the faculty of Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. Thomas Gabish, O. P., S. T. Lr., has been appointed Professor of Philosophy at St. Mary’s of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. John Welsh, O. P., S. T. Lr., who has just completed the graduate course in the Collegio Angelico and received the degree, “Doctor Aggregatus in Philosophia,” “magne cum laude,” has been assigned to the teaching staff at St. Rose Convent, Springfield, Ky., for the coming scholastic year.
Rev. G. B. Stratemeier, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., after completing the course in the "Scuola Vaticana di Palaeografia ed Archivistica," at Rome, obtained the diploma of Paleographer and Archivist, the first time in history such a distinction has been conferred on an American. Father Stratemeier has been assigned to the House of Studies.

Rev. Cornelius McCarty, O. P., S. T. Lr., of the faculty of Providence College, Providence, R. I., has sailed for Europe to take up graduate work at Louvain.

Rev. J. A. McHugh, O. P., S. T. Lr., and Rev. C. J. Callan, O. P., S. T. Lr., professors in the Catholic Foreign Mission Seminary, Maryknoll, N. Y., recently passed a very brilliant examination at the Collegio Angelico for advancement to the degree of Master in Sacred Theology, the highest scholastic distinction conferred by the Order.

Rev. Jerome Olson, O. P., has been appointed to the Church of the Holy Name, Philadelphia, where he will follow graduate work in Chemistry in preparation for teaching at Providence College.

Revs. Reginald Hughes, O. P., S. T. Lr.; Peter O'Brien, O. P., S. T. Lr., and Norbert Georges, O. P., S. T. Lr., have sailed for Europe to follow their graduate studies.

Revs. Joseph Ortea, O. P., and Thomas Garcia, O. P., who for the past two years have been students at the House of Studies, sailed on July 3rd, from San Francisco for Manila, P. I., where they will join the faculty of the College of St. John Lateran.

Revs. Mark Della Penta, O. P., S. T. Lr., and Aloysius McLoughlin, O. P., have been assigned to the faculty of Providence College.

The Western Mission Band has had a very busy season. The report for the year ending June 30th, 1924, shows that the Fathers of this Band conducted 59 missions, 44 retreats, 4 novenas, 10 Forty Hour Services, 1 Triduum and 1 Lenten Course. Sixty-six converts were made and thirty-seven adults made their First Communion. The total attendance at all the services was 157,941 and 204,053 Communions were distributed.

Six retreats were preached this summer by Dominican Fathers at the Mother House of the Sisters of Charity, Convent Station, N. J. The retreat-masters were Revs. M. L. Heagen, O. P., S. T. Lr., ex-Provincial; E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. M.; Jordan Foley, O. P., P. G.; and F. D. McShane, O. P., S. T. Lr.

The Fathers of the House of Studies, during their vacation time, have conducted many novenas and retreats. Very Rev. H. I. Smith, O. P., S. T. Lr., Ph. D., LL. D., conducted a novena in honor of St. Anne at the Church of the Annunciation, New York. He also gave the retreat of the Laymen's Retreat League of the Harrisburg Diocese, at Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., which was attended by nearly two hundred laymen. Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. M., preached the novena in preparation for the Feast of St. Dominic, at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., and conducted a retreat at Convent Station, N. J. Rev. F. D. McShane, O. P., S. T. Lr., conducted retreats for the Dominican
Sisters at Eagle Park, N. Y., and Sea Isle City, N. J. Rev. A. B. Saylor, O. P. S. T. Lr., gave the annual retreats at Sinsinawa Mound and Sacred Heart Academy, Edgewood, Wis.

Work on the new House of Philosophy, at Chicago is progressing rapidly. The entire foundation and preliminary work have been completed and the walls are now built up to a height of twenty-five feet. The entire operation is being pushed as rapidly as possible in order to furnish relief at the earliest possible moment to the greatly overcrowded houses occupied by the student novices.

PROVINCE OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The Very Rev. A. L. McMahon, O. P., S. T. M., Provincial, has departed for Europe to attend the General Chapter in Rome. Father Alphonsus Riley, O. P., is his socius.

The concrete walls of the new St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco, are complete, and the steel girders for the roof are being set in place. The construction work is being pushed rapidly and the beauty of the church is growing more evident daily.

The new church of St. Mary Magdalen, in Berkeley, was opened in July and dedicated on Sunday, August 24th. The church and parish house are beautiful buildings in the mission style of architecture and to the Rev. Father Pius Driscoll, O. P., the Pastor, much praise is due for the enviable Dominican work in Berkeley.

The Calaroga Club and Auxiliary, an active and rapidly developing organization for the younger set, lately formed in St. Dominic's Parish, San Francisco, is designed to be but one of many similar Calaroga Clubs in other Dominican Parishes. These clubs are more than parochial and like the club at St. Dominic's which claims members from all parts of San Francisco, will reach out into their respective cities.

The following among the latest elections and appointments in the Province of the Most Holy Name are of particular interest, The Very Rev. Humbert Kelly, O. P., has been elected Prior and Pastor of St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco; Rev. William Lewis, O. P., S. T. Lr., succeeds Father Kelly in the Pastorship of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Seattle, Washington. The Rev. Sebastian Bohan, O. P., S. T. Lr., has been appointed President of Aquinas College, in Portland, Oregon.

At the Archdiocesan Summer School, held in San Francisco with affiliation to the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., the Rev. Benedict M. Allen, O. P., S. T. Lr., B. A. (Oxon.), gave two courses of lectures in Church History and Medieval History.

The Rev. Bartholomew Reilly, O. P., was numbered among the Professors in the Summer School at Dominican College, San Rafael, California.

Enthusiasm is increasing as Sunday, October 5th, draws nearer. On that day the City of San Francisco is to be the joyful scene of the Archdiocesan Holy Name Rally.
FOREIGN PROVINCES

The Sacred Congregation of Bishops and Regulars has recently approved the Constitutions of the community of Dominican nuns of Worshotte, in the diocese of Harlem, Holland.

The faculty and students body of the Collegio Angelico recently made a pilgrimage to the ancient abbey of Fossa Nuova where St. Thomas Aquinas died.

Rev. Edward Hugon, O. P., S. T. M., delivered the panegyric on St. Joan of Arc at the celebration held at the French Church of St. Louis, in Rome this year.

The body of Rev. Raymond Maccanti, O. P., a chaplain in the Italian army who was killed on the Aisne front in the World War was recently interred in the cemetery of the Convent of St. Mark, in Florence, Italy.

A new Dominican Convent has just been established in Melbourne, Australia, by the Fathers of the Irish province.

Rev. Albert Janvier, O. P., S. T. M., of the province of France delivered one of the principal sermons to the general assembly of the International Eucharistic Congress held at Amsterdam, July 22-27.

Very Rev. Boniface Luyckx, O. P., of the province of Holland was recently invested with the insignia of the office of Master of Sacred Theology.

Rev. H. D. Sisson, O. P., founder of the College of Lacordaire in Buenos Ayres, is at present in France on an official mission from the Argentine government.

Rev. Bartholomew Lecrosnier, O. P., of the province of France, died recently, at the age of sixty-nine years, in the mission of Moussoul, Mesopotamia.

DOMINICAN SISTERS

Queen of the Rosary Convent (Amityville, L. I., New York)

On the 21st of May the Novitiate had a distinguished visitor in the person of the Rt. Rev. M. G. Vuylsteke, O. P., of Curacao. On the following morning the Bishop celebrated High Mass in the Novitiate Chapel, and during the morning entertained the novices with stories of life in the Dutch West Indians.

The Rev. F. H. Dugan, O. P., conducted two most inspiring retreats at Amityville during June and July, which were attended by about 300 nuns from Brooklyn, New York and Porto Rico.

On Monday, July 7th, thirty-eight postulants received the habit, and forty-three Sisters pronounced perpetual vows. The Rt. Rev. Vicar General, George Kaupert, officiated. Sixty priests of the diocese, as well as Benedictine, Capuchin, and Dominican Fathers, were present.
Another retreat was held at St. Joseph’s Convent, Sullivan County, at the close of the Summer Session there, and was attended by over 200 Sisters.

During the summer months, twelve Sisters took post-graduate courses at Fordham University, New York.

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

At the General Chapter, convened at St. Agnes’ Convent, Sparkill, New York, on June 30th, the following Sisters were elected to the various offices: Mother General, Rev. Mother M. Regina; First Counsellor, Sister M. Reginald; Second Counsellor, Sister M. Pauline; Third Counsellor, Sister M. Raymond; Fourth Counsellor, Sister M. Antoninus; Secretary General, Sister M. Dolores; Bursar General, Sister M. Patricia; Priorress, Sister M. Veronica; Sub-Priorress, Sister M. Peter. The newly elected for St. Agnes’ Convent, Sparkill, N. Y., are: Priorress, Sister M. Benigna; Sub-Priorress, Sister M. Imelda; Mistress of Novices, Sister M. Martha.

The three annual retreats were conducted this summer by Rev. J. Cleary, O. P., Rev. Joseph Higgins, O. P., and Rev. Jordan Foley, O. P.

On the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady eight postulants were clothed in the habit, five Sisters pronounced their first vows, and ten were admitted to final profession.

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

The feast of St. Dominic was celebrated with all due solemnity by the community, with a solemn novena in preparation for the event. On the feast itself a Solemn Mass was sung at nine o’clock by a Franciscan Father followed by the renewal of vows.

On the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady, Sister Mary of the Assumption and Sister Mary of the Presentation celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their profession. A Solemn Mass was sung for the jubilarians, and in the evening a social reception was held in their honor. The blessing of Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI was sent to the jubilarians.

On Sunday, September 14th, eve of the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, three postulants received the habit, and two novices pronounced temporary vows.

The annual retreat of the community was conducted by Rev. J. P. Roach, O. P., from August 21st to 30th, the feast of St. Rose of Lima.

Mount St. Dominic Academy (Caldwell, N. J.)

On June 5th, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Spreiter administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of eighty children.

The Accredited Summer School Session, June 8th to August 1st, registered about one hundred and fifty Sisters. Other members of the community did residence work at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., and at Fordham University, New York City. A Summer School Session was also held in “Our Lady of the Elms,” Akron, Ohio.
July 14th and 15th, the Rev. Thomas a’Kempis Reilly, O. P., S. T. Lr., honored the students by lecturing on “The Supernatural Order” and “The Mysteries of Gothic.”

“Fallen Gods,” a motion picture version of the life and labors of Saint Francis Xavier, was shown by the Rev. Father Bernard H. Wilbenhues, S. J., a missionary from the East Indies.

The past scholastic year showed the largest registration in the history of Mount St. Dominic Academy.

**St. Catherine Academy (Springfield, Ky.)**

The annual retreat of the Sisters of St. Catherine of Sienna Community, which opened at the Motherhouse, Springfield, Kentucky, on July 2nd, witnessed one of the largest gatherings in the history of the Community. The Rev. R. J. Meaney, O. P., of Providence College, presided as retreat master.

A Mass of the Holy Ghost, celebrated on Sunday, July 12th, marked the opening of the General Chapter Elections. This formal opening of the Chapter was followed by the announcement of the blessing of the Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, conveying through a cablegram from Cardinal Gasparri.

The proceedings of the first day of the Chapter prepared the preliminaries for the general elections, which took place on Sunday, July 13th, under the presidency of the Very Rev. J. S. Wilburn, O. P., Prior of St. Rose Convent, Springfield, as delegate of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Floersh, of Louisville. The elections resulted as follows: Mother General, Mother Bernadette Clements; First Counsellor, Sister Mary Sienna Byrne; Second Counsellor, Sister Alexia O'Sullivan; Third Counsellor, Sister Louise Robertson; Fourth Counsellor, Sister Mary Joanna Rowan; Bursar General, Sister Mary Oscamp.

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

On the feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Blessed Sacrament was carried through the grounds of “Marywood,” for the first time. A long procession was composed of members of the Clergy, Sisters, and a great number of the laity.

The Rev. Thomas a’Kempis Reilly, O. P., S. T. Lr., was a recent visitor at Marywood, where he lectured on the Philosophy of St. Thomas.

There were various departments in the Summer School Session, and many took advantage of the Progressive Series Course given by Professor Van Eltinge.

**Sacred Heart Academy (Springfield, Illinois)**

On May 24th, the Rt. Rev. Bishop James A. Griffin of Springfield, confirmed a class of forty-three students of Sacred Heart Academy.

This year, in place of the regular class play, the pupils presented a pageant, “Thomas Aquino,” in the auditorium of the Academy.
Doctor James A. Walsh, author and lecturer, delivered a most interesting lecture on "St. Thomas and Science" at the Academy on May 23rd.

A series of seven recitals given at various dates during May and June, marked the close of the music department for the school year.

A pleasure that the Sisters very much enjoyed was the recent visit paid them by the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., Provincial, who gave an entertaining lecture, illustrated by moving pictures which he took during his recent trip through the Dominican mission territory of China.

The Rev. John Logan, O. P., preached the retreat for the young ladies, which was held at the Ursuline Convent, Springfield, early in July.

This summer the two retreats for the Sisters were preached by the Rev. Vincent Kienberger, O. P.

The Rt. Rev. Amandus Bahlman, O. S. F., Bishop of San Fareno, Brazil, visited the Sacred Heart Academy on July 27th, and gave a lecture on the Indian Missions of South America. His lecture was vividly illustrated by moving pictures, which showed the great sacrifices of the religious teachers of that country.