

CLOISTER CHRONICLE

The 800th Jubilee Year of the Order of Preachers concluded on January 21. The friars of the House of Studies commemorated the close of the year with the celebration of Solemn Vespers, preaching, an extended procession, and a celebratory meal.

Our Brothers Isaac Augustine Morales, Antoninus Maria Samy, and Norbert Keliher professed solemn vows in the hands of the Prior Provincial, Father Kenneth R. Letoile, at the Mass of Solemn Profession on February 4 in the Chapel of the Dominican House of Studies.

Bishop Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, ordained to the diaconate our Brothers Pier Giorgio Dengler, Leo Joseph Camurati, Timothy Danaher, Aquinas Beale, Mannes Matous, Henry Stephan, Peter Joseph Gautsch, and Isaac Augustine Morales on March 11 in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

On April 7 & 8, the Thomistic Institute sponsored a conference at the House of Studies in honor of Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia, O.P., Adjunct Secretary for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, featuring lectures from Bruce Marshall, Michael Root, and James J. Buckley, and a panel featuring Gary Culpepper, Chad Pecknold, and Frederick Bauerschmidt. Archbishop Di Noia himself delivered the conference's keynote address on April 8.

The Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception invited the Honorable Samuel Anthony Alito, Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, to be its speaker at the Commencement ceremonies on May 12, during this its 75th anniversary year as a Pontifical Faculty. The Pontifical Faculty also invited the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop

Christophe Pierre, to be the celebrant for Solemn Vespers at that occasion.

Archbishop Di Noia was the ordaining prelate at St. Dominic Church, Washington, D.C., on May 20 for our brothers approved to be ordained priests: Bonaventure Chapman, Thomas Davenport, Joachim Kenney, Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, Luke Hoyt, Alan Piper, and Edmund Mary McCullough.

The Hillbilly Thomists—a folk band comprised of Dominican friars, both student brothers and priests—have begun work on an album that is slated to be released in the fall semester. The album will feature classic songs from American folk, bluegrass, and spiritual traditions.