

On Sunday, October 4, 1878, the chapel attached to the Monastery and College of St. Bonaventure, Allegany, was the scene of a solemn and impressive ceremony. On that day the feast of St. Francis was solemnly observed. At 10:30, the seminarians and members of the collegiate department marched in procession from the seminary building to the front entrance of the chapel, and thence up the center aisle to their places in the sanctuary, preceded by the college band, playing sacred melodies. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the President and the Provincial, Very Rev. Father Leo da Saracena. After the Gospel was sung, an eloquent sermon was preached by the Very Rev. P. V. Kavanagh, C. M., president of the College of Our Lady of the Angels (now Niagara University). At the conclusion of the Mass, Father Leo removed his chasuble and putting on a magnificent gold cope, proceeded to receive four postulants into the novitiate. To the four were given the names of James (Rev. Thomas Kennedy, Brooklyn); Pamfilo (Francis Ennis, Liverpool); Sixtus (John Wutz, of Buffalo) and Celsus (James Murphy, Thurles, Ireland), thus perpetuating the names of priests whose lives are closely interwoven with the history of the institution.