

THE FRANCISCAN INSTITUTE

St. Bonaventure, N. Y.

The Franciscan Institute functions as a distinct unit of the Graduate School of St. Bonaventure College, which is accredited by the University of the State of New York, the Middle States Association, and other accrediting agencies; and is empowered to grant graduate degrees.

The Institute has for its aim the comprehensive, scientific study of the Franciscan Pattern of the Gospel Message, as contained in Franciscan thought and belief, Franciscan ideals and traditions, Franciscan Masters and movements, with a view to translating the Heritage of the Poverello and his followers into the life and language of this day.

Designed as a school of research and of training future teachers, writers, directors and missionaries, the Institute admits to full-time study only those who have earned the Bachelor's degree and who have completed a two-year course of Scholastic Philosophy and, for admission to the department of Theology, at least a three-year course, in this subject. In this way the student, already familiar with the material object or area of research, is prepared to concentrate upon the specific aim aforesaid. Hence, while the Institute is open to all students of graduate standing, its program is found particularly inviting and useful to those of Franciscan affiliations.

The staff is composed of members of St. Bonaventure College and Seminary as well as of teachers from other Franciscan, Capuchin and Conventual provinces, and of guest professors from other institutions of higher learning. The curriculum embraces two semesters and a summer session.

The following are the present departments: Philosophy, Theology and Spirituality; History and Social Studies; Missiology, with emphasis on Latin-America, the Far East and the Southern Missions.

Supplementary and subsidiary courses are offered by the Graduate School of the institution. The Friedsam Library, with its rare collection of Franciscan MSS, Incunabula and some 60,000 selected vols., offers unusual opportunities for research.

The first of the Institute's publications has just come off the press, under the title: "The Tractatus de Successivis attributed to William Ockham," by Rev. Philotheus Boehner, O.F.M. Others are soon to follow.

(The catalog will be sent on request)