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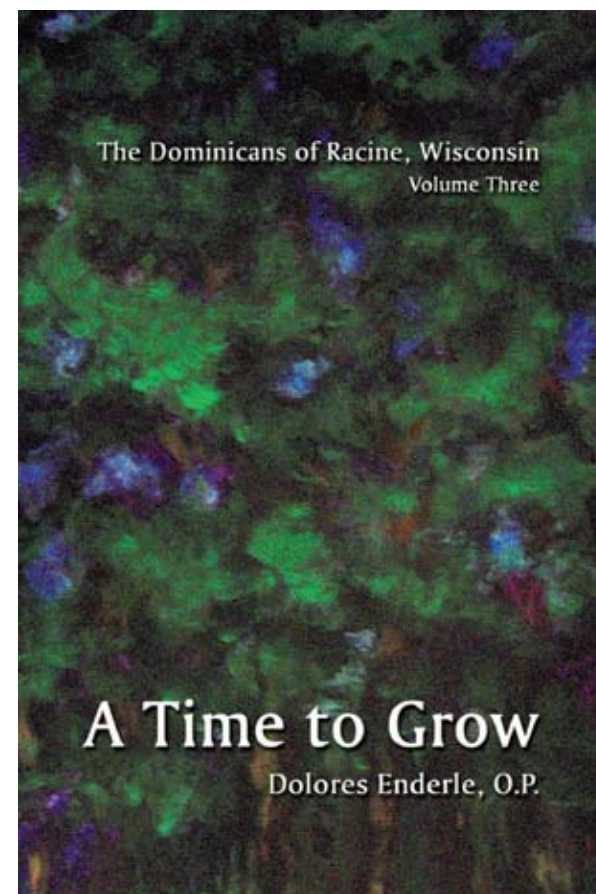
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A Time To Grow

THIS THIRD VOLUME OF THE HISTORY OF THE DOMINICANS of Racine, Wisconsin, 1901-1964, narrates the steady growth of the community after its foundation in 1862. The book looks briefly at the difficulties endured after the deaths of the foundresses, Mother Benedicta Bauer and Mother Thomasina Ginker, as a backdrop for the period leading up to Vatican II. Changes were already being set in motion at the turn of the century, long before the community election in 1964 in the midst of the Vatican II upheaval.

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University of Wisconsin-Parkside

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