

✠ REVEREND JOSEPH EDWARD KERNAN, O. P. ✠

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ON July 4, 1928, almost on the eve of the golden jubilee of his religious profession, the Reverend Joseph Edward Kernan, O. P., died at Zanesville, Ohio.

Fr. Kernan, a child of a very large and notably Catholic family which also gave to the Order another son, Arthur Clement Kernan, was born December 15, 1861. He received his early education in the schools of Zanesville, O, until his sixteenth year when he hearkened to the call of God and entered upon his year of novitiate as a Dominican at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. On November 10, 1878, he made his profession and entered upon his studies in preparation for the priesthood which was conferred upon him at St. Joseph's, July 19, 1885.

From then until ill health forced him to rest last year, his life was one of almost ceaseless activity. His reputation as a tireless worker was known far and wide, for between 1886 and 1918 he labored in almost every part of the eastern half of our country. His eloquence gained him a place on both the Eastern and Western Mission Bands over a period of eight years. During the remaining time, he served in various Dominican parishes scattered over the country. In 1918 he was appointed chaplain at White Plains, N. Y., and in the following year he took up the duties of chaplain at Manhattan College, New York City, a position which he held until ill health forced him to retire last year. He was sent to the Dominican house in his native city to recuperate and it was there that he died.

His funeral was held on Saturday, July 7. The ministers of the Solemn Mass were the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., celebrant, the Rev. J. P. Roach, O. P., deacon, and the Rev. A. A. Sibila, O. P., subdeacon. The Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., preached the sermon. After the Mass, the body was taken to St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio, the spot in which Fr. Kernan began his religious life. There it was interred in the community cemetery according to the full Dominican ritual. Requiescat in pace.

—Bro. Matthew Hanley, O. P.