

✠ REV. MARTIN A. SHEEHAN, O. P. ✠

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ON August 28, 1929, Father Martin A. Sheehan, O. P., passed to his eternal reward at the convent of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City. Father Sheehan was a well known figure in the parish, having served there since 1905. His death was a real loss to the community.

Father Sheehan was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on May 31, 1862, the son of Martin Sheehan. He entered the religious life at St. Rose Priory near Springfield, Kentucky, where he made his novitiate. He was professed with solemn vows on March 15, 1881. From there he went to St. Joseph's Convent in Somerset, Ohio, to pursue his studies for the priesthood, and he was ordained priest on July 19, 1885.

For his first assignment Father Sheehan was sent to St. Vincent Ferrer's in New York City, where he remained until 1895. From there he was sent to St. Peter's Church at Memphis, Tennessee. He was then elected Prior of Holy Rosary Church in Minneapolis, and at the expiration of his term of office there, he went to St. Patrick's Church at Columbus, Ohio. In 1905 Father Sheehan was again assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City. His death occurred there after a brief illness at the age of 68 years. Father Sheehan was a devoted religious and an exemplary priest. Zeal for the house of God was an outstanding characteristic of his life.

Solemn High Mass of Requiem was offered for the repose of Father Sheehan's soul Saturday, August 31. One bishop and fifty-one priests were present. Father W. G. Moran, O. P., celebrated the Mass, assisted by Fathers W. J. O'Leary, O. P., and P. A. Casterot, O. P., as deacon and subdeacon, respectively. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Healy, O. P. Rt. Rev. John J. Dunn, D. D., Auxiliary Bishop of New York gave the final absolution.

Father Sheehan is survived by one sister who is a member of the Dominican Community of St. Catherine's, Kentucky. DOMINICANA extends to her and to all Father Sheehan's friends its sincere sympathy. Requiescat in pace.

Bro. Bede Campbell, O. P.