

## ✠ REVEREND JAMES CLEMENT TIMONY, O.P. ✠

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The Province of Saint Joseph suffered a distinct loss when, on January 8, Rev. James Clement Timony passed to his eternal reward. For years Father Timony was numbered among the best known Dominican missionaries of the northwest and his death brought genuine sorrow to his brother religious and a host of friends.

Father Timony was born in Boston, Mass., on January 23, 1886. After receiving his primary and secondary education in the schools of his native city, he entered the Dominican novitiate at Springfield, Ky., in 1903. Here at the convent of St. Rose, where the seed of Dominican activity first took root in the soil of the United States, the young novice learned the fundamental principles of the religious life. A year of probation was followed by his profession of the vows on December 25, 1904. Then six years in the study of philosophy and theology were crowned with God's greatest gift to man—the priesthood of Jesus Christ. This event took place in Washington, D. C., on June 24, 1910.

The year following ordination was spent in further study of the sacred sciences, thus completing the final preparations of the young levite for an active ministry which was to cease only at the call of the angel of death. So it was that in 1911 Father Timony was assigned to the Dominican Church of St. Antoninus in Newark, New Jersey. After four years of untiring zeal for the salvation of souls in this city, Kansas City, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., became the scenes of his labors. The same energy which had characterized his work in the East was now manifested in the West and South, until the call of obedience brought him to the Northwest. Assigned to Holy Rosary Convent in Minneapolis, he made that priory the center of his missionary activity for the last decade and more of his life. The death of Father Timony marked the passing of a zealous priest and missionary who, in life, was ever true to the ideals of that great Spanish missionary—St. Dominic.

The esteem in which the friar preacher was held was strikingly shown by the number of the clergy, both secular and regular, in attendance at the Mass of Requiem celebrated in Holy Rosary Church on January 11. The Mass was sung by the Rev. J. R. Dooley, O.P., who was assisted by the Rev. T. F. Conlon, O.P., and the Rev. W. A. Marchant, O.P., as Deacon and Subdeacon respectively. An eloquent eulogy was preached by the Very

Rev. W. R. Lawler, O.P., while the final absolution was given by the Very Rev. J. P. Aldridge, O.P.

To the relatives and friends of Father Timony DOMINICANA, in the name of the priests and brothers of the Province, extends sincere and heartfelt sympathy. R.I.P.

Chrysostom Graham, O.P.

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✠ **BROTHER ALPHONSE BILLINGTON, O.P.** ✠

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Joseph Billington, later known as Bro. Alphonse, O.P., was born on October 26, 1857, in Lancashire, England, in the town of Preston, of a distinguished family which never lost the faith even in Reformation times. One of his relatives, Father Edmund Arrowsmith, S.J., was martyred in Lancaster, August 28, 1628, a victim of the Puritan persecution. Bro. Alphonse originally intended to become a priest and so he made his studies at St. Joseph's Missionary College at Mill Hill near London and at St. Alban's College, Valladolid, Spain. His health was somewhat impaired at this time so he gave up the idea of going on for the priesthood. He was a good student, however, and all through his life he kept up an interest in Spanish and Latin. While he was studying for the priesthood, he tutored in Latin a young man who later on became a bishop in England. While still a young man he came to the United States and took up printing as a trade. His home was in Brooklyn, New York, and it was here that he met Helen Browne, an Irish girl, whom he married in 1887. The idea of a higher vocation seemed to persist, however, so he and his wife agreed to live together "as brother and sister" with the mutual promise that when one should die the other would enter religion. Under this agreement they had more than thirty years of perfectly happy married life, and when Mrs. Billington died in February, 1921, her husband prepared to fulfill his promise of entering religion. Father Joseph F. Murphy, pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church in Brooklyn, who knew Mr. Billington at this time, pays high tribute to his character, saying that he was prominent in Holy Name work, of an amiable and charitable disposition, and always anxious to help anyone who was in need. Father Murphy recommended the