

✠ **REV. JAMES D. FOWLER, O.P.** ✠

On February 9, 1930, Father James D. Fowler, O.P., passed to his eternal reward at St. Mary's Hospital, Newark, New Jersey, after spending nearly half a century in the Order of St. Dominic. By his death the Church has lost a zealous priest and the Order a devoted son.

Father Fowler was born in New York City on September 2, 1859. After the usual preparatory studies he entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose Convent, Springfield, Ky., made his profession on the Feast of St. Thomas, 1883, and was transferred to the House of Studies in Somerset, Ohio. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1887.

Following his ordination the young priest was given his first assignment at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C. The subsequent years found him laboring in Kansas City, New York, New Haven, Conn., and Columbus, Ohio. His first appointment as pastor was to Kansas City in 1900, where he remained but a short time, being elected Prior of St. Louis Bertrand's Convent, Louisville, Ky., in the same year. His term as Prior completed, he was assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City. A few months later he was elected Prior of Holy Rosary Convent, Minneapolis, and upon the completion of his term of office, was again appointed by his superiors as pastor of Kansas City, where he labored for the next eleven years. Jersey City was the next field of his ministry from which place he was called to be prior of St. Dominic's Convent, Washington, D. C. When he had completed his term as Prior, he was assigned as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Johnson City, Tenn. Because of ill health he was forced to relinquish this post after a few months, and returned to Sacred Heart, Jersey City. Here he remained for about two years, when he was transferred to Newark, where he had been stationed since 1926. That his work in the ministry was most successful, may be concluded from the fact that over half his priestly life was spent in having the care of souls.

The funeral of Father Fowler took place on February 11, from St. Antoninus Church, Newark. The celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. William A. Sullivan, O.P., assisted by the Rev. Clement Donovan, O.P., as deacon and the Rev. Benedict Dionne, O.P., as subdeacon. The eulogy was delivered by the Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O.P., P.G. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Newark. May he rest in peace.

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