

life of comparative inactivity. His final illness came suddenly. Fortified by the last Sacraments of the Church, he was taken to St. Mary's Hospital a week before his death. As the end approached, the prayers for the dying were recited by his nephew, Rev. F. L. Kelly, O.P., and the venerable patriarch made a valiant attempt to sound the responses. Shortly after noon on Tuesday, February 9, he sighed and resigned his soul to God. Members of his family and friends were with him at the last.

On Thursday morning, his body was brought to the church and laid in state until the funeral. The members of the community recited the Office of the Dead in the evening. Friday morning, at eight o'clock, Very Rev. E. J. O'Toole, O.P., Prior of the Convent, sang a Requiem Mass in the presence of the school children. At ten o'clock, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered by Father Kelly, the nephew of the beloved priest, assisted by Very Rev. John A. Foley, O.P., as deacon, and Rev. R. L. Rumaggi, O. P., as subdeacon. The Most Rev. John G. Murray, D.D., Archbishop of St. Paul, was present in the sanctuary and gave the final absolution. The eulogy was preached by Very Rev. J. P. Aldridge, O.P. Father O'Toole gave the last blessing at the grave.

DOMINICANA, in the name of the fathers and brothers, extends sincere sympathy to the relatives of Father Kelly.

May he rest in peace.

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✠ REVEREND RAPHAEL FERRARI, O.P. ✠



TRICKEN down by assassins' bullets after ten years of unremitting, loving labor among the Italian population of these United States—so death came to the Reverend Raphael Ferrari, Dominican missionary. Peacefully engaged in making plans for a children's pilgrimage to the Eternal City Father Ferrari was seated in a New York steamship agency when two holdup men entered. When the priest attempted to

remonstrate with these men they shot him in cold blood. Removed at once to a hospital the wounded man lived but two days, dying on Saturday, December 19, 1931.

In lucid moments before his death Father Ferrari, imitating the example of the crucified Christ, freely forgave his murderers.

Raphael Ferrari was born, March 5, 1883, at Paliano, near Rome. At the age of seventeen he entered the Dominican Order; he was professed December 26, 1901, and ordained June 5, 1906. In 1919 Father Ferrari came to America where he spent a year giving missions in Italian parishes. He returned to Rome where he sought and obtained permission to devote his life to this work in America. He came again to the United States where he was assigned to the Italian Missionary band of St. Joseph's province. For about seven years he was stationed at St. Antoninus' Church, Newark, N. J.; he went to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church in New York in 1930.

In the summer of 1930 Father Ferrari conducted the first American pilgrimage to Vatican City after the reestablishment of the temporal power of the Pope.

The body of Father Ferrari lay in state in the Dominican Convent, 869 Lexington Avenue, from Sunday until Monday evening, during which time a constant stream of visitors paid homage to the slain priest. On Monday evening the body was taken into the adjoining Church of St. Vincent Ferrer where the assembled Dominican priests chanted the Office of the Dead.

At the Solemn High Mass of Requiem on Tuesday morning the church was crowded. In the sanctuary were more than a hundred priests, religious and secular, from the city of New York and surrounding towns. The Mass was celebrated by the Reverend Charles H. Alheid, O.P. The Reverend Aegidius Rutolo, O.P., was deacon, and the Reverend E. M. Heary, O.P., was subdeacon. The Reverend Philip Robotti, O.P., delivered the eulogy. His Eminence Cardinal Hayes presided at the Mass and officiated at the final absolution of the body.

The Italian Consul, Signor E. Grazzi, was present in the church.

Father Ferrari was the author of several books, the best known perhaps being "The Founder of Life". He also wrote several religious plays, the latest of which is "St. Liberata, the Roman Martyr".

May he rest in peace.

F. P. K.