

† REV. ANTHONY JOHN McGOVERN, O.P., S.T.D. †

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Although he had been suffering from ill health for a short time the death of Father McGovern on the night of October 22, 1932, was an unexpected blow to his community and to the province. Father McGovern was born, November 6, 1896, in Zanesville, Ohio. His elementary education was acquired at the Dominican parochial school of St. Thomas; he entered Aquinas high school and college, Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1917. In March, 1919 he entered the novitiate of the Dominican Order at St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio, and there, 20 of March, 1920, he was professed. He pursued the course of philosophy and theology at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. While at the latter place he also attended the Catholic University of America, from which he received his Master's Degree in history. He was ordained to the priesthood June 4, 1926, in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., by the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore. The following Sunday, June 6, he sang his first solemn Mass at St. Thomas church, Zanesville. He spent two years at the Collegio Angelico, Rome, where he received the degree of Doctor of Theology. Upon his return to this country he was assigned to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he served as sub-Prior, Master of Students and professor of dogmatic theology. At his own request he was relieved of the first two positions in the fall of this year. He was a patient at Mount Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, for the six weeks preceding his death.

The body of Father McGovern was brought back to St. Joseph's Priory on Sunday, the 23rd. The Psalter was chanted by members of the community continually until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at which time the Office of the Dead was solemnly chanted. At 10:30 the solemn high Requiem Mass was sung by the Very Reverend J. B. Walsh, O.P., Prior; assisting him were the Very Reverend R. W. Farrell, O.P., sub-Prior, deacon, and the Reverend C. A. Drexelius, O.P., Master of Students, subdeacon. The eulogy was delivered by the Reverend J. C. Nowlen, O.P. The Very Reverend Prior blessed the body and assisted at the interment in the community cemetery. Present at the funeral were the Very Reverend W. G. Moran, O.P., Vicar Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, and

a host of other priests, both secular and religious, as well as a great number of the faithful.

To the bereaved mother, brother and sisters of Father McGovern Dominicana extends its most sincere condolence.

May he rest in peace.

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† BROTHER FRANCIS O'CONNOR, O.P. †

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On the 19th of October, 1932, after a week's illness, Brother Francis O'Connor, Dominican lay brother, died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, R. I. Brother Francis was born, October 13, 1859, in Washington, D.C. 1865 is also given as the year of his birth. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Ky., in 1886. Here he made his tertianship of three years, receiving the habit, August 4, 1889. Within a year, however, ill health obliged him to relinquish his holy design temporarily. He left without making profession. Ten years later, however, his health having been restored, he returned to the Order, and made his tertianship at St. Louis Bertrand's Priory, Louisville, Ky. August 30, 1902, he again received the habit at St. Rose's, where following his simple novitiate he made profession September 8, 1903. Shortly after, he was again stationed in Louisville. In 1906 he went to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. From 1909 to 1911 he was at St. Antoninus' Priory, Newark, N. J. The next eleven years he spent in Somerset, Ohio, at Holy Trinity Church. In 1922 he was assigned to St. Raymond's Church, Providence, R. I., where he remained until his death. On the afternoon of Thursday, October 20, pupils of the parochial school of St. Raymond attended a service in the church where his body lay in state. That evening the Dominican Fathers from the church and from Providence College chanted the Office of the Dead. Throughout the night a guard of honor, made up of Holy Name men, kept vigil at his bier. The funeral Mass was celebrated, Friday, October 21, by the Reverend G. B. Hassenfuss, O.P., assisted by the Reverend Joseph V. Dailey, O. P., deacon, and the Reverend Edward H. Schmidt, O.P., subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Reverend R. V. Burnell, O.P. Burial was in St. Francis Cemetery, Providence, R. I.

May he rest in peace.