

✠ **VERY REV. SYLVESTER R. BROCKBANK, O.P., P.G.** ✠

On Sunday, May 16, Father Sylvester Brockbank was called to his final reward. His years in the sacred ministry had been long; his labors many and arduous. At the end, his bodily sufferings were severe. Death found him well prepared. He had preached the word; he had taken up his cross. His passing must have brought him to that Kingdom wherein are written the names of Apostles.

Father Brockbank was born at Clearfield, Pa., on April 17, 1868. After completing his grammar and high school studies at Luthersburg, Pa., he went to the State Normal School at Clarion with the intention of taking up the medical profession. But at the call of the Master he journeyed to Saint Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and received the Dominican habit there in 1890. On March 7, 1895, after five years of study at Saint Joseph's Priory, he was ordained to the Priesthood by the Right Reverend J. H. Watterson, D.D., Bishop of Columbus.

During the forty two years of his priestly life he was engaged almost exclusively as pastor and preacher. The early years of his ministry saw him as curate at Saint Joseph's, Somerset, Saint Louis Bertand's, Louisville, Ky., and Saint Dominic's, Washington, D.C. Later, he was to fill the pastorate at Saint Dominic's, Denver, Saint Mary's, Johnson City, Tenn., and Holy Trinity, Somerset, Ohio. While not engaged in parish work, he was busy preaching. The mission fields of the east, the south, and the west, were familiar grounds to him. He was a tireless and zealous preacher, bringing many talents to the spread of the Faith. In 1914, his accomplishments in this work merited for him the title, "Preacher General," and in the words of Father Eckert, who preached his eulogy, "if ever a man deserved that name, Father Brockbank did."

The priest's last few years were spent in ill health, but to the end he was an apostle. Shortly before his death, he collapsed at the altar; still he went on. When obedience finally sent him to the hospital, he went with the hope of coming back to finish a novena he had been preaching. No tangible monument remains to show that he has lived, for his life was given to building temples of eternity. His deeds are recorded with his name—in Heaven.

The obsequies for the dead priest were held in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, on May 17, 1937. Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, was celebrant of the Mass, assisted by Rev. G. R. Scholz, as deacon,

and Very Rev. J. H. Healy, as sub-deacon. Rev. J. M. Eckert, for many years an associate of Fr. Brockbank, pronounced the eulogy, and the Absolution was given by Very Rev. W. A. Marchant, Vicar-Provincial.

To the relatives and friends of Father Brockbank DOMINICANA, in the name of all the Fathers and Brothers of the Province of Saint Joseph, extends sincere and heartfelt sympathy. May he rest in peace!  
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✠ REVEREND GEORGE MARK SCANLON, O.P. ✠

On May 14, 1937, Father George Mark Scanlon was fatally injured in an automobile accident at Festus, Mo. He passed to his eternal reward a few hours later at Jefferson Barracks Hospital, Saint Louis, Mo. Father Scanlon was returning from an Army Chaplains' Meeting in the company of two other chaplains when the mishap occurred. At the time of the tragedy, he was saying the Divine Office which he finished with the choirs of angels in Heaven.

Father Scanlon was born in Somerset, Ohio, October 13, 1901. He was educated at Holy Trinity, Somerset, Aquinas High School and Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and Providence College, Providence, R. I. He entered the Dominican Novitiate at Saint Joseph's Priory, Somerset, in 1924, receiving the habit from the late Very Rev. J. C. Brady. He studied Philosophy at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Ill., and Theology at the House of Studies in Washington, D. C. He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, in Saint Dominic's Church, Washington, on June 15, 1931.

After his ordination, Father Scanlon was assistant Chaplain at the Old Soldiers' Home in Washington for a year. In 1932, he was assigned to Saint Mary's Rectory, Johnson City, Tenn., and in 1933 was appointed Chaplain of eleven Citizens' Conservation Corps Camps in the Tennessee area. In 1936, he was assigned to Saint Margaret's Rectory, Boyce, La.

Zealous, hard-working, with the spread of God's Kingdom ever uppermost in his mind, Father Scanlon was an ideal priest and missionary. He strove tirelessly for the spiritual betterment of his little flock in Louisiana and his exemplary life and fruitful labors were highly appreciated by his superiors and associates. Death came to him while he was yet a young man, but the short span of his priestly