

✠ **BROTHER LUKE SWEENEY, O.P.** ✠

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On Sunday, January 16, our Dominican Province was shocked and saddened by the death of Bro. Luke Sweeney, who had pronounced his solemn vows exactly six months before. A most ardent and zealous religious, he leaves behind him a memory and an example of charity and devotion which are a stimulus and an encouragement to his religious brothers.

Brother Luke was born in Waltham, Mass., twenty-four years ago, on the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29), in whose honor he was christened Peter Paul. His early education was obtained in the parochial schools near his home. After his graduation from high school he spent two years of study at Providence College, entering St. Rose's Novitiate at Springfield, Kentucky, in 1933. His first profession took place at St. Rose's, August 16, 1934. The following three years of his life were spent at the House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois, and while stationed there he made his solemn profession, at the Dominican Camp in Menominee, Mich., where his class was spending the summer. Because of his physical condition he was transferred to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, shortly before Thanksgiving, and to this Convent he was assigned at the time of his death.

At St. Joseph's the funeral services were held, and interment was made in the Dominican cemetery there. Solemn Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. J. B. Walsh, prior of St. Joseph's, assisted by Very Rev. R. P. O'Brien, prior of the Convent at River Forest as deacon, and Father C. A. Drexelius, Master of Students at Somerset as subdeacon. In a brief and simple sermon Father George Kinsella, Master of Students at River Forest, who had known Brother Luke from his days at Providence, paid tribute to his singular amiability and charity.

Bro. Luke is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sweeney, of Waltham, and by three sisters and a brother. To them DOMINICANA sends its most sincere sympathy and that of all his Dominican brothers. May he rest in peace!