

✠ REV. JOHN POLYCARP SIEMER, O.P. ✠

On January 2, a solemn Requiem funeral Mass was sung at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., for the repose of the soul of the Rev. John Polycarp Siemer, O.P. Father Siemer was born on February 6, 1904, and made his profession as a Dominican on September 26, 1924. A member of the German Province and a cousin of the Very Rev. Prior Provincial of that Province, Father Siemer came to this country less than a year ago to raise funds for the Chinese missionaries of his Province. His death resulted from an automobile accident near McComb, Mississippi, on December 28, 1938. The German Dominican lived two days in the hospital at McComb, where he received the last consolations of his faith from the Dominican Fathers of Hammond, La. The body was accompanied to St. Rose Priory by the Rev. D. U. Corigliano, O.P., of Hammond, La.

The funeral Mass was sung by the Very Rev. Frederick Cyril Wahle, O.P., P.G., chaplain of St. Catherine's Convent, Racine, Wisconsin, also of the German Province. He was assisted by the Rev. J. B. Sheridan, of St. Rose Convent, as deacon, and the Rev. D. U. Corigliano, as subdeacon. The Very Rev. J. W. Owens, Prior of St. Rose Convent, gave the absolution. St. Gregory's Preparatory Seminary in Cincinnati, where Father Siemer was a professor of Greek and German, was represented by the Very Rev. Walter F. Roddy, S.T.D., Rector, and sixteen professors. Among the Dominicans present were the Revs. A. P. Curran, F. A. Gordon and J. G. O'Donnell of the Chinese Mission band of St. Joseph's Province, the Very Rev. R. P. Carroll, Prior of St. Louis Bertrand Convent, Louisville, Ky., and the Rev. P. A. Elnen, of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Cincinnati, O.

To the relatives and friends of Father Siemer, and to his brethren of the German Province, DOMINICANA, in the name of the Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province, extends deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace! —H. K.