

ing souls, Father Higgins acquired early renown as a pulpit orator. Although in constant demand as a preacher, he found time to contribute articles on religious subjects in some of our leading Catholic journals. Due to infirmities and advanced age Father Higgins had been unable to perform his priestly duties in recent years, but his mind remained unimpaired. Ready of wit, sharp of eye, his bearded face wreathed in a contagious smile, the venerable soldier of Christ furnished knowledge and pleasure to his younger brothers in Saint Dominic while evidencing to them the tranquillity of soul which is the inheritance of those who labor long and well in the vineyard of the Lord.

To the relatives and friends of Father Higgins DOMINICANA extends sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace! C.B.

✠ REV. EUGENE ALOYSIUS WILSON, O.P. ✠

After a lingering illness Father Eugene Aloysius Wilson was called to his heavenly reward on November 27, 1939, at the New York Hospital. He was the only son of Joseph and Mary Jane Wilson, born March 11, 1869, in Philadelphia, Pa. Until he was twenty-one he was a member of the Episcopalian Church. But a natural leaning toward the Catholic Church coupled with the grace of God led him within the Catholic fold. He was received into the Catholic Church on November 9, 1890, by the Reverend J. L. O'Neil, O.P.

In answer to a higher call he entered the Dominican novitiate in the following year and commenced his preparation for the priesthood. After his first profession of vows at Springfield, Ky., on December 10, 1892, Brother Aloysius Wilson went to Somerset, Ohio, where he continued his philosophical and theological studies for six years. He was elevated to the holy priesthood by the Most Reverend John A. Watterson, D.D., in the Cathedral at Columbus, Ohio, on March 7, 1899.

Father Wilson began his priestly career as an assistant pastor at St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, Ohio, and after a short time was transferred to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York, where he remained until 1915. In that year he was appointed pastor of Holy Innocents' Church, Pleasantville, N. Y. For

twelve years Father Wilson continued in this capacity and in 1927 he was again assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church. His parish activities were again interrupted in 1931 when he was appointed chaplain of St. Joseph's Convent in New York City. After serving the Dominican Sisters at this convent for six years he was reassigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church and he remained here until his last illness. Father Wilson's health, which had never been too robust, began to fail rapidly after his last assignment, but he uncomplainingly carried on his duties until he was forced to bed.

Father Wilson's whole life was devoted to unstinted service for his neighbor. He was widely known as a friend and adviser to any who sought instruction in the faith. His understanding nature was in large measure responsible for many conversions. A quiet and kindly disposition concealed an enormous capacity for labor.

On Thursday, November 30, 1939, in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, a Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for his soul and for the soul of the Reverend Joseph Reginald Higgins, O.P., who passed to his reward a few hours after Father Wilson. Burial followed in the Dominican plot at All Souls Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y.

To the relations and countless friends of Father Wilson, DOMINICANA, in the name of the Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province, extends sympathy. May he rest in peace!
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