

Foster was also chaplain at the Soldiers' Home. This long and useful priestly life was brought to a close on Jan. 23, 1941, due to a heart attack suffered during an operation for cancer of the stomach. Father Owens, a life-long friend, was at hand and administered Extreme Unction. Father Foster was in his fifty-seventh year.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's on Jan. 25 by the Very Rev. J. W. Owens, O.P., with the Rev. Matthew Hanley, O.P., Deacon, and the Rev. M. L. Goldrick, O.P., Subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. A. L. McEneaney, O.P. On Jan. 27, following a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Rose Priory and a sermon by the Rev. F. J. Baeszler, O.P., Father Foster was buried in the community cemetery of St. Rose's.

Those who knew him will agree with these lines in the editorial of the *Johnson City Press* of Jan. 24, 1941: "He was a man of profound learning and deep experience, a pastor who by living example and devotion to the welfare of his people, deserved the trust and leadership he achieved." Wherever he labored, he did much good and was greatly beloved.

To the brothers of Father Foster, Robert, John, Walter, William and Charles Foster, and to his sister, Mrs. Cregier, of New York, the Province of St. Joseph extends sincere sympathy. *May he rest in peace.*  
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✠ REV. FRANCIS HENRY DUGAN, O.P. ✠

Father Dugan was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on Nov. 25, 1875, the son of Daniel Dugan and Mary Osmun Dugan. He attended St. Thomas' grammar and high school and studied under the Dominican Fathers of St. Thomas Parish. On June 12, 1893, he made his profession in the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, in the hands of the Very Rev. F. A. Spencer, O.P., Prior. Father Dugan began his philosophical and theological studies at St. Rose and continued them at St. Joseph's. Ill health, however, obliged him to spend some time at Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, and at St. Dominic's, Denver. On July 6, 1898, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, by the Most Rev. John A. Watterson, D.D., Bishop of Columbus.

Remaining in Denver until 1901 because of ill health, Father Dugan was assigned from 1901 until 1908 to Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, where he was sub-Prior. Between 1908 and 1917 he was stationed at St. Antoninus Priory, Newark; St. Peter's, Mem-

phis; and St. Raymond's Providence, whence he went to Sacred Heart Priory, Jersey City, as a member of the Eastern Mission Band. From 1926 to 1930, he was sub-Prior at St. Antoninus Priory, Newark, and in 1932 was elected Prior. Following a short assignment at Holy Name Parish, Philadelphia, in 1936, Father Dugan became Pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Houston, Texas, and held this post until a few months before his death when he was forced to resign because of ill health. It was during a trip East to rest and recuperate that he was suddenly stricken at Sacred Heart Priory, Jersey City, and was rushed to St. Francis Hospital where he died on Feb. 20, at the age of sixty-five.

On Feb. 22 a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church by the Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of the Province of St. Albert the Great, of which Father Dugan was a member, with the Rev. John A. Jordan, O.P., Deacon, and the Rev. John J. Durkin, O.P., Subdeacon. The eulogy was delivered by the Rev. Daniel A. Wynn, O.P., a friend of Father Dugan for more than fifty years. Father Dugan was buried in the Dominican plot of All Souls' Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y.

Father Dugan's fine mind and industry made up for the hampering of his studies by poor health. He was very zealous and ever gentle. His splendid voice and preaching ability gave great attraction to his sermons.

To Father Dugan's brothers, William H. Dugan of Chicago, and Hugh J. Dugan of North Bergen, N. J., the Provinces of St. Albert the Great and St. Joseph extend sincere sympathy. *May he rest in peace.* E.D.G.

✠ BROTHER PIUS WELSH, O.P. ✠

Brother Pius was born on June 29, 1883, at Patchogue, L. I., the son of Francis Welsh and Mary Anne Byrnes Welsh, and was baptized Charles Francis. He attended grammar and high school at Patchogue and from the age of sixteen until he was forty, he worked as a bookkeeper in New York. On February 2, 1923, the Feast of the Purification, having given up a favorable position in the world to consecrate himself entirely to God, Brother Pius made his profession in the Dominican Order in the hands of the Very Rev. Ignatius Smith, O.P., Prior, at the House of Studies, Washington.

In 1926, after serving the community for four years in Washington, Brother Pius was assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York