

✠ BROTHER DENNIS DELANEY, O.P. ✠

The Province of St. Joseph was saddened at the passing of its oldest laybrother on Thursday, February 4, when Brother Dennis Delaney died suddenly in Saint Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C.

He was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, on June 21, 1862. His parents, Patrick and Julia (Flynn) Delaney were natives of Ireland. After completing his grade school education, Brother Dennis began a life of hard work in the coal mines of his native state. He was thirty seven years of age, and living in Philadelphia when he was attracted to the religious state.

Brother Dennis' life in religion began at St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C., in 1899. The constitutions of the Order at that time required a period of tertianship before the candidate for the laybrotherhood entered the novitiate. This period of preparation he made at St. Dominic's. On August 30, 1902, at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., he received the habit of the Order, retaining the name he had in the world. After pronouncing his vows a year later, he returned almost immediately to St. Dominic's in Washington, where he remained for the next forty years.

The Dominican laybrother shares in a very special way the apostolate of the Order. It is his vocation to participate in the preaching office of the priest by his good example. "Brother Dennis realized his vocation, not only by his example, but also by an undying love for the Mother of God. Her Rosary was his favorite prayer. Yet to say the beads was not enough for him. Like a true son of Mary, he preached the Rosary in his own little way, by making beads that others might share his prayer" was the tribute of Reverend James F. McManus, O.P., who preached the eulogy.

The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., on Monday, February 8, by the Very Reverend R. J. Dewdney, O.P., Prior, assisted by the Very Reverend W. D. Marrin, O.P., as Deacon, and the Very Reverend B. P. Shaffer, O.P., as Sub-Deacon. The students of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, rendered the music for the Mass. Burial was in the Dominican plot in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

The deep sense of loss felt by the Province, his brother, relatives, and friends, is shared by *Dominicana*. May his soul rest in peace!