



VERY REV. G. B. HASENFUSS, O.P.

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VERY REVEREND GEORGE BERNARD HASENFUSS, O.P.

The vocation of every Dominican is to preach. Perhaps the most familiar notion of a preacher is that of a pulpit orator. But in addition there is another kind of preaching, the type that Christ used so effectively, and that type is preaching by example. A priest who preaches by example as well as by word, while he may not see any tangible results of his efforts, can be certain that his every sermon reaches home and brings the word of God closer to the hearts of men.

Such a preacher, who unites the compelling force of example to his words, is the Very Reverend George Bernard Hasenfuss, O.P., who on June ninth of this year celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

He was born in Boston on May 14, 1864 and was educated in the schools of that city and at Boston College. He was drawn to the Order by one of its famous members, Father Charles McKenna, the founder of the Holy Name Society movement in the United States. His entrance into the Order took place when he received the habit at St. Rose Priory in Kentucky in 1886. He made his profession on November 1, 1887 and pursued the study of Philosophy and Theology at St. Joseph's Priory in Ohio. From the time of his entrance into the Order until 1893 when he was ordained at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Columbus by Bishop Watterson, he never lost a moment in preparing himself for the vocation of a Dominican priest and preacher. That gentle affability and kindly disposition for which he is known and loved throughout the Province made him an ideal parish priest and inspired his parishioners with complete confidence. He was blessed with a splendid voice and his love of music and ability as a singer are still spoken of everywhere. Nearly all his priestly life has been spent in giving himself to the faithful for whom he labored so long, so unselfishly and so successfully. The parishes to which he was attached and in the hearts of whose people he left his mark extend over the eastern part of the United States. To name a few, he was stationed at St. Mary's in New Haven, St. Vincent Ferrer's in New York City, St. Louis Bertrand's in Louisville, Sacred Heart in Jersey City, St. Joseph's in Somerset, St. Rose in Kentucky and in many other churches. At present he is and has

been for the past six years sub-Prior of Holy Name Priory in Philadelphia and among his other parish duties is Director of the Blessed Virgin Sodality.

With the same loving kindness which characterized our Lord, Father Hasenfuss goes about his duties forgetful of his own convenience. To follow Christ in that way as he has done for fifty years is an accomplishment which no tribute can worthily praise. While wishing him the heartiest congratulations on this memorable occasion, we have great cause to rejoice with him, for our blessed Lord, Whom he has served so long and so generously, will not be outdone in generosity.

Dominicana extends to him most sincere good wishes and hopes that he will continue to experience the unbounded joy that must be his on this glorious day.