

✠ VERY REVEREND WILLIAM DOMINIC SULLIVAN, O.P. ✠

The Very Reverend William Dominic Sullivan, O.P., died on February 28, 1943 at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Father Sullivan was born on March 18, 1884 in New York City, the son of William and Catherine (Leydon) Sullivan. His primary school education was received at St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City. After finishing high school at St. Charles', Catonsville, Maryland, he entered St. Francis Xavier College in New York City. His desire to prepare for the Priesthood in the Dominican Order was realized on August 3, 1908, when he received the Habit at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. Having made his profession in August of the following year, Brother Dominic took up the study of Philosophy and Theology in the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., where he was ordained on June 24, 1914.

In September of 1915, Father Sullivan was sent to St. Antoninus', Newark, New Jersey, where he remained for two years. He was then assigned to St. Joseph's in Somerset as Master of Novices, a work that he loved and faithfully carried on for seven years. While at St. Joseph's, he also served as Sub-Prior. Following his resignation in November of 1924, Father Sullivan entered the missionary field, which was to bring him to various parts of the country as a zealous preacher. He became director of the Southern Mission Band in 1931, and continued his fruitful work in this capacity until his appointment as Prior of St. Joseph's, Somerset, O., July 2, 1941.

Father Sullivan's work as Prior of St. Joseph's was short-lived, yet it fittingly summed up his whole apostolic life. He was able again to direct the novices of the Order towards their goal, and he liked to spend long hours with them. His work in the pulpit continued to the edification of the people, who had long before learned to love him, and the consolation he gave in the confessional was a source of peace to many.

The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's in Somerset on March 3, by the Reverend Walter G. Scanlon, O.P., assisted by the Very Reverend John E. O'Hearn, O.P., as Deacon, and the Reverend Jeremiah T. Fitzgerald, O.P., as sub-Deacon. In his funeral sermon, Reverend Jordan Baeszler, O.P., paid fitting tribute to his departed brother's priestly character. Burial was in the community cemetery at St. Joseph's.

*Dominicana* joins with the Fathers and Brothers of the Province in their expressions of sympathy to Sister Mary Aidan, O.P., Father Sullivan's sister, to his brother and to his many friends.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord!