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## OBITUARY

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### **The Rev. William Andrew Goetz, O. P., S. T. Lr.**

On the twentieth of October, 1918, death took from us one of our highly esteemed professors, Father William Andrew Goetz. Although never of robust condition, he had been ill but a short time and his death came as a great shock to his aged parents and religious brethren.

Father Goetz was born in Denver, Colo., January 7, 1889. His early education was obtained in the elementary schools of that city, and his classical course under the direction of the Franciscans at Calicoon, N. Y. In 1908 he was clothed in the habit of the Friars Preachers at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he made his profession October 11, 1909. During the three following years the young novice pursued his philosophical studies at the House of Studies, Washington, D. C., and with such remarkable success that he was sent to Rome for his theology. But as the climate there proved unfavorable to his health, he was sent to the University of Friburg in Switzerland. Here he was ordained priest March 7, 1914. Having finished his theological course and passed his examinations with the very highest honors, the degree of Lector in Sacred Theology was conferred on him and two years later the Doctorate.

Last spring Father Goetz returned from Europe and was at once assigned to the chair of Philosophy and History of Philosophy at his "Alma Mater." His career was short but brilliant. His lectures in the classroom were the products of a great mind and his students both admired and loved him. His masterly mind, profound study and rare talent for languages foretold a great career. But God had ordained otherwise and death cut him off at the early age of twenty-nine, in the ninth year of his religious profession and the fourth of his priesthood.

The funeral rites were performed in the conventual chapel at the House of Studies. The ministers of the solemn requiem Mass were: Very Rev. Prior E. G. Fitzgerald, O. P., S. T. Lr., celebrant, assisted by Rev. F. D. McShane, O. P., S. T. Lr., as deacon, and Rev. A. C. O'Neil, O. P., S. T. Lr., as subdeacon. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University, was present in the sanctuary. Besides the Very Rev. Provincial Ray-

mond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., and many visiting Dominicans, there was a large gathering of both secular and regular clergy representing the various religious communities at the University. Interment took place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington, D. C. R. I. P.

—Bro. Nicholas Ehrenfried, O. P.

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### Reverend Aloysius Hughes, O. P.

It is with sentiments of deepest sorrow that we record the death of Father Aloysius Hughes, O. P., who was a victim of the nation-wide epidemic that brought such grief and suffering to so many thousands.

Father Hughes, the youngest of three brothers, all of whom were elevated to the priesthood, was born in New York City, December 24, 1883. Upon completion of his preliminary studies, following in the footsteps of his brother, Father Bernard Hughes, O. P., he entered the novitiate at St. Joseph's Convent near Somerset, Ohio. There, after spending the year of probation, he made simple profession on October 3, 1910. Immediately after pronouncing his vows he was sent to the House of Studies at Washington, D. C., to take up the study of philosophy, theology and the other sacred sciences and at the same time pursue supplementary courses at the Catholic University. On May 17, 1916, he was ordained a priest of the Dominican Order. In the fall of 1917, having completed his studies, he was assigned to Holy Name Church, in Philadelphia. Here on October 18, 1918, he died a martyr to duty.

The end came when he was just on the threshold of what promised to be a most successful apostolic career. Philadelphia was the solitary scene of his labors, and during his brief stay there he endeared himself to the people by his charity and indefatigable zeal. No task was too difficult for him to undertake; no one too low for him to befriend; no time inopportune for performing an act of kindness. Of a naturally buoyant disposition, pleasant and amiable to all, he attracted many friends to himself and brought the sunshine of happiness into innumerable lives.

During the brief priestly career that God granted to him on earth "he so let his light shine forth" that to those who come after him, whether young or old, he has left an example of universal charity and unflinching devotion to duty. Let us pray that his soul may find eternal rest. —Bro. Bonaventure Neitzey, O. P.