

under Pere M. J. Lagrange. Back in Paris, he remained a year as chaplain at the St. Dominic's school for boys, and studied oriental languages at the Sorbonne. In 1901 he returned to Canada, where an independent province of the order had recently been established, to fill a three-year assignment in the Dominican house of studies at Ottawa, where he was an instructor in moral theology, scripture, Hebrew and Church history. Father van Becelaere's spiritual activities in the United States began in 1904, with a long chaplaincy at Visitation Convent, Covington, Ky., followed by a pastorate at White Sulphur, Ky. He affiliated with the Dominican province of St. Joseph in 1926, and spent a year at St. Rose, Ky., after which he served in the parishes at Detroit and Memphis. He wrote *La Philosophie en America*, published in New York in 1903, and contributed many articles and book reviews to various Catholic reviews and encyclopedias. Since 1933 Father van Becelaere had been assistant chaplain at St. Clara Convent, and taught religion and church history.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., Provincial, in St. Clara Chapel on April 15, assisted by Rev. J. B. Connolly, O.P., Chaplain at St. Clara, and the Rev. J. N. Walsh, O.P. On the following morning, April 16, the funeral services were held at Blessed Sacrament Church, Madison, Wis. The Very Rev. Provincial celebrated a Solemn Requiem Mass with the Rev. E. S. Murray, O.P., deacon, and the Rev. J. B. Schneider, O.P., sub-deacon. The Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P., preached the eulogy. Burial was in the Dominican plot in Calvary Cemetery, Madison. May his soul rest in peace!

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✠ THE VERY REVEREND JOHN SEBASTIAN OWENS, O.P. ✠

The Very Reverend John Sebastian Owens, O.P., Prior of the College of St. Albert the Great, Oakland, California, passed away quietly on the morning of Palm Sunday, April 14, 1946. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated April 17 in St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco by the Very Reverend Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Provincial, in the presence of His Excellency, the Most Reverend John J. Mitty, D.D., Archbishop of San Francisco. The Very Reverend Patrick J. Kelly, O.P., Sub-prior of St. Albert's College, was deacon and the Reverend Peter Curran, O.P., of the House of Studies, was sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by the Very Reverend Kevin Meagher, O.P. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop gave the final

absolution. Burial was in the Provincial cemetery at Benicia, California.

Father Owens was born in Carracastle, County Mayo, Ireland, June 23, 1878. He entered the Order December 23, 1899 in France as a member of the Congregation of St. Dominic. He was ordained in the Cathedral of Fribourg, July 23, 1905 by His Excellency, Bishop Deruaz, Bishop of Fribourg. After finishing his studies in the University of Fribourg, he was sent to South America, where he was Professor of English and Mathematics in Buenos Aires for many years. He was Professor of Mathematics in Marseilles, France, for two years and returned to Buenos Aires. He came to this Province in 1926, and shortly thereafter transfiliated to the Province. He taught at Portland and in Benicia. He was Prior of St. Albert's College, Oakland, from 1935 to 1941. After three years as Pastor of St. Peter Martyr's Church in Pittsburg, California, he was elected Prior of St. Albert's College, which office he held until his death.