

✠ THE REVEREND WALTER GABRIEL SCANLON, O.P. ✠

Father Scanlon died on November 20, 1950, at Mount Mercy Sanitarium, Dyer, Indiana, after a long illness.

Born in Chesire, Conn., on November 27, 1881, Father Scanlon was the youngest of the eight children of James and Catherine (Owens) Scanlon. His early education was acquired at St. Mary's Parochial School and at Waterbury High School, Waterbury, Conn. He entered the Order of Preachers, receiving the habit at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., on October 23, 1900. Pronouncing his vows on November 1, 1901, he completed his philosophical and theological studies at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, and at the House of Studies, Washington, D. C. Father Scanlon was ordained in the Cathedral in Baltimore, Md., on June 21, 1907, by His Eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons. After ordination, the young priest spent another year of study in Washington and served as assistant Master of Students.

In 1909, Father Scanlon was assigned to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, as Procurator and assistant Master of Novices, and later that same year held a teaching post at Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio. He was sent to the House of Studies in Washington in 1910, to serve as Procurator there and as Chaplain of the Soldiers' Home. In 1913, he was appointed pastor of St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tenn., and in 1919, as pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Houston, Texas. Father Scanlon was elected Prior of St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C., in 1923, and after completing two terms of office, was made Procurator of St. Dominic's Parish, Detroit, Michigan, in 1929. After a short stay at St. Dominic's Church, Youngstown, Ohio, he was assigned, in 1933, to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York, where he became noted for the effectiveness of his retreats, especially those preached to young boys. It was while Father Scanlon was engaged in this work that his health failed, and, in 1938, he was sent to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, in an effort to regain his strength. His health failed to improve, however, and Father Scanlon remained assigned to St. Joseph's until his death. During his long and active ministry, he earned wide renown as an excellent administrator and an eloquent preacher.

At St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, on November 24, 1950, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated. The celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. F. E. Yonkus, O.P., Sub-Prior; the Rev. J. M.

Murphy, O.P., was deacon, and the Rev. T. K. Connolly, O.P., sub-deacon. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. P. G. Corbett, O.P. Many Dominican priests assisted at the Mass, and among the Sisters in attendance were Mother Bernardine, O.P., and Sister Philomena, O.P., of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio.

At the grave, in the community cemetery, the Very Rev. F. E. Yonkus, O.P., conducted the final absolution.

Dominicana extends sincere sympathy to the sisters, relatives, and friends of Father Scanlon. *May he rest in peace.*