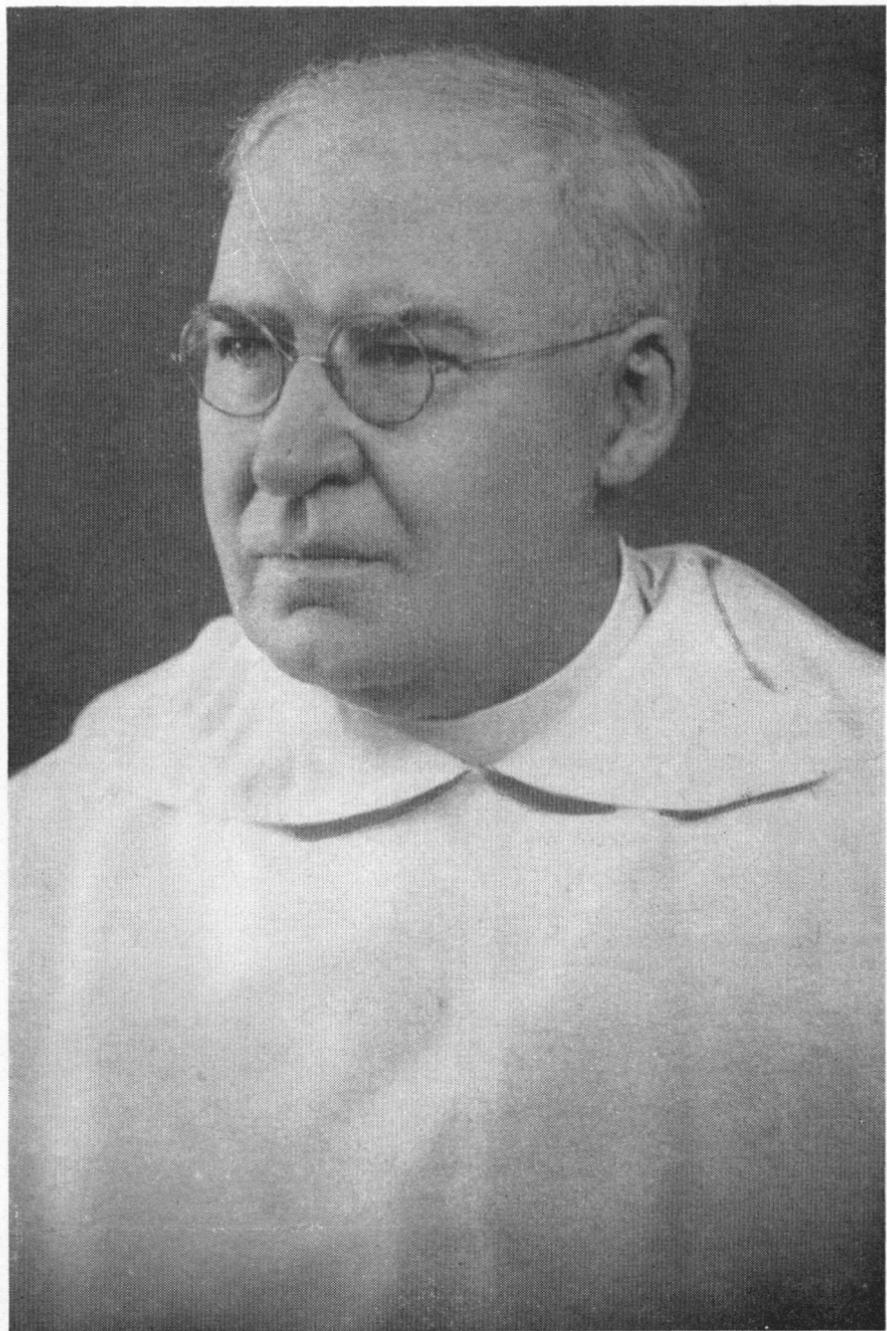


GOLDEN JUBILEE
OF
THE REVEREND JOHN STEPHEN MORAN, O.P.

Father John Stephen Moran observed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood on August 21, 1952. Owing to his poor state of health, the Golden Jubilee was celebrated quietly at the Monastery of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Camden, New Jersey, where Father Moran resides. The Jubilarian attended a Mass of Thanksgiving offered in the Monastery Chapel by his brother, the Reverend Walter Gregory Moran, O.P., of St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Connecticut. Also assisting at the Mass were members of Father Moran's family and the cloistered nuns whom he had faithfully served as chaplain for more than three decades.

Father Moran was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 5, 1878, the first of six children of the late Michael and Catherine Ford Moran, both natives of Ireland. He received his elementary education at St. John's Parochial School in New Haven, and then attended New Haven High School. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where he was clothed with the habit on September 10, 1897. A year later, on October 4, 1898, he made his profession as a member of the Order of Preachers. He remained at St. Rose for his study of philosophy and theology. Transferred to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, he continued his course in theology and was ordained there on August 21, 1902, by the Most Reverend Henry Moeller, Bishop of Columbus, afterwards Archbishop of Cincinnati.

His first assignments after his ordination took him to New York City as parish priest, first to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church for a year, and then to St. Catherine of Siena's Church for two years. In 1907, Father Moran began an interval of seven years as a preacher on the parochial mission band, working both on the Eastern Mission Band, and in California, where he was associated with the Dominicans who were engaged in preaching activity on the Pacific coast. Returning to the East in 1914, he served as a parish priest for the next five years, with assignments at St. Mary's, New Haven, Connecticut. St.



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Thomas', Zanesville, Ohio, and St. Raymond's Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1919, Father Moran was named chaplain of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Camden, New Jersey, a post which he occupied for thirty years, until failing health forced him to relinquish the active duties of his chaplaincy. The greatest part of his fifty years in the priesthood has been spent in this highly significant work with the Dominican Sisters, who esteem him as their spiritual father, and revere him for his inspired leadership and devoted guidance in their dedicated quest for the perfect life of contemplative union with God. Father Moran has filled a distinctive place in the life and growth of the Camden monastery, faithfully performing his priestly functions for the cloistered Daughters of St. Dominic for three decades, and directing the Perpetual Rosary Society which flourishes there. At present he lives in retirement at the monastery, and his weak health prevents him from assuming any active rôle in the sacred ministry.

Dominicana salutes Father Moran on this happy occasion of his Golden Jubilee and we pay tribute to his long life of loyal service as a Dominican priest.