

Two Auxiliary Bishops of New York were present at the funeral—the Most Rev. Joseph P. Donahue, D.D., and the Most Rev. Stephen J. Donahue, D.D.—to pay tribute to Father Casterot who had spent his entire priestly life in the Archdiocese of New York. Bishop Joseph P. Donahue presided at the Mass and imported the final absolution. The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, was seated in the sanctuary. Burial was in the Dominican plot in All Souls' Cemetery, Pleasantville, New York.

*Dominicana* extends sympathy to Father Casterot's brother, M. Marcellin Casterot, of Lourdes, and to all his relatives and friends in France and the United States. *May he rest in peace!*



### ✠ THE REVEREND JOSEPH RICHARD CLARK, O.P. ✠

Father Joseph Richard Clark died on the evening of June 30, 1952, at Mary Immaculate Hospital, Lebanon, Kentucky. Death came to him at the age of seventy-seven after a long illness.

Father Clark was born in Fairfield, Kentucky, on January 13, 1875, the son of the late Joseph and Malvino Anne Smith Clark. After receiving private tutoring on the farm that was his home, he entered the school conducted by the Trappist monks at Gethsemani Abbey from which he was graduated in 1895. Entering the Dominican Order, he began his novitiate on March 7, 1895, at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where he was professed a year later. He then went to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, for his philosophical and theological studies. There he was ordained to the holy priesthood on October 10, 1901, by the Most Reverend Henry Moeller, Bishop of Columbus, later Archbishop of Cincinnati.

After his years of preparatory study, Father Clark was first assigned to parochial work at St. Louis Bertrand's Church, Louisville, Kentucky. In 1904 he was appointed assistant pastor of the Louisville parish, and he began a three year term as prior there in 1908. When his term expired, he entered upon a new type of work when he assumed the office of Master of Students at St. Joseph's Priory for a year. He was then transferred to the House of Studies in Washington, D. C., where he was also Master of Students from 1912 to 1914. In the summer of the latter year he joined the Southern Mission Band with headquarters at St. Louis Bertrand's in Louis-

ville. For eight years he was employed with great success in preaching parochial missions, novenas and retreats throughout the South and Middle West.

In 1922, Father Clark turned from the preaching apostolate to parochial work once more. He was sent by his superiors to Madison, Wisconsin, where the Dominican Fathers had been invited to establish a parish. During nearly seven years at Madison, he founded Blessed Sacrament parish and erected a church and school there. In 1929, he came east to fill the post of pastor at St. Pius' Church, Providence, Rhode Island. During his tenure of office as pastor, the present combination church and school was completed and dedicated. After leaving St. Pius', he was assigned to assist in the parochial ministry at Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As he advanced in years, his health began to decline and he was compelled to forego the more arduous labors of the priesthood. In 1939, he was named chaplain for the Dominican Sisters at St. Catharine's Convent, near Springfield, Kentucky, where for over eleven years he ministered faithfully to the spiritual needs of the Sisters and students. He held this post until nearly a year before his death, when his very poor health forced him to retire to St. Rose Priory.

Less than a year ago, on October 10, 1951, Father Clark celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. A Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving was sung at St. Rose on October 25, which was attended by a great number of Dominican Fathers and Sisters, who gathered in tribute to this exemplary Friar Preacher who had served God and his Order so diligently throughout his long life. During half a century of priestly activity, he distinguished himself in a great variety of offices—as parish priest, as prior, pastor, builder and administrator, as preacher, as chaplain and spiritual director—and he rests in death honored and admired by all who lived and labored with him.

Father Clark's remains were taken first to lie in state at St. Catharine's Convent, on July 1, and on the following day his body was brought to St. Rose Church where the Fathers and Brothers of the Priory chanted the Office of the Dead. The funeral was held at St. Rose on July 3. The Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by his nephew, the Rev. W. R. Clark, O.P., Professor of Sociology at Providence College, who also imparted the final absolution and conducted the ceremonies at the grave. The Very Rev. C. A. Musselman, O.P., Prior of St. Rose, was deacon, and the Rev. R. M. Rascher, O.P., was subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. J. B. Walsh, O.P., Father Clark's successor as chaplain at St. Cath-

arine's Convent. Present in the choir was the Right Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Newman, of St. Helen's Church, Louisville, and a good representation of local clergy. Interment took place in the community cemetery at St. Rose.

To Father Clark's brother and family, to the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine's whom he had served so long, and to all his friends, *Dominicana* offers deep sympathy. *May he rest in peace!*



### THE VERY REVEREND

✠ WILLIAM DOMINIC NOON, O.P., S.T.M. ✠

On July 4, 1952, Father William Dominic Noon passed away at St. Anne's Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, after an illness of a month. He was seventy-seven years of age, and had been a priest for fifty-four years.

Father Noon was born near Rehoboth, Perry County, Ohio, on February 22, 1875. He received his early education in the country schools of the neighborhood. As a youth he felt a desire to enter the Order of Preachers, and he began his novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where, after a year, he made his profession as a Dominican on June 12, 1893. He spent the next three years studying philosophy at St. Joseph's, but his superiors soon recognized his extraordinary talents and sent the young student to Rome to complete his studies among the Dominicans at the College of the Minerva. Father Noon was ordained to the sacred priesthood in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in the Eternal City on March 5, 1895, by the Most Reverend Archbishop (later Cardinal) Francis di Paola Cassetta, Vice-gerent of the Cardinal Vicar of Rome.

After receiving the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology at the Minerva, Father Noon returned to this country to teach philosophy and theology at St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio. There he remained for almost four years. When the new House of Studies was opened in Washington, D. C., in 1905, Father Noon was assigned to that house as a member of the faculty of theology. In 1908, he answered a call for volunteers to help the Spanish Dominicans in the Philippines who staffed the ancient University of Santo Tomas in Manila. On the way to his new teaching post in the Far East, Father Noon passed successfully the *ad gradus* examination taken in Rome in May, 1908.