

young people of St. Rose, in spiritual, social, and athletic affairs, was truly remarkable. He was a very successful preacher, and he was often in demand as an occasional speaker at functions in various parts of Kentucky. The memory of this learned, yet simple priest, will remain long in the hearts of all those who came under his sacerdotal ministrations. Father Ferris dearly loved St. Rose, and the people of St. Rose loved and revered him.

On Monday afternoon, June 2, his body was brought to St. Rose where it lay in state until the funeral on Wednesday morning. During this time the Psalter was recited continuously beside the bier by the Fathers and Brothers of St. Rose. On June 4, the Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered by the Very Rev. C. A. Musselman, O.P., Prior of St. Rose. The deacon of the Mass was the Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., Professor at the Catholic University in Washington, and the subdeacon was the Rev. J. B. Briggs, O.P., of St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Kentucky. The Very Rev. J. J. McLarney, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph's in Somerset, Ohio, delivered the eulogy. The delegation of local clergy was headed by Monsignors Gettlefinger and Willet. Present also were representatives of the several communities of Sisters in the vicinity of Springfield. The Church was thronged with parishioners who turned out in great numbers in tribute and fond farewell to Father Ferris whom they held in such high esteem. Burial took place in the community cemetery at St. Rose.

To Father Ferris' brothers, and to his bereaved relatives and friends, *Dominicana* offers heartfelt condolences. *May his soul rest in peace!*



✠ THE REVEREND PETER ALEXIS CASTEROT, O.P. ✠

Father Casterot died on June 28, 1952, at St. Clare's Hospital, New York City, after a long illness, at the age of eighty-one. He had been a Dominican for sixty-three years and a priest for fifty-eight years.

Father Casterot was born at Lourdes, France, on June 18, 1871, the third of seven children of Severin and Jeanne Marie Darron Casterot. He was a distant relative of St. Bernadette. He attended the grammar school at Lourdes, and the Apostolic School of the College de la Grand Maison at Poitiers. On August 19, 1888, he received the

Dominican habit at Immaculate Conception Convent, Ryckholt, Holland, which, at that time, was the novitiate and studium for the Province of Lyons. A year later he made his profession at the Ryckholt convent, and remained there for his course in philosophy. He studied theology at the famed Biblical School of St. Stephen in Jerusalem, where he was ordained on July 22, 1894, by the Most Reverend Pascal Appodia, Auxiliary to the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. He offered his first Mass on the site of the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Immediately after his ordination to the priesthood, Father Casterot came to the United States to continue his theological studies at the new House of Studies for the Province of Lyons at Hawthorne, New York. In 1895 the young priest received his first assignment when he was appointed chaplain for the Christian Brothers and students at Manhattan College. In 1901 he was named pastor of Holy Innocents Church, Pleasantville, New York, which was then in charge of the Dominicans of the Lyons Province. During his pastorate of nearly fifteen years at Pleasantville, he built the present church and rectory. Father Casterot became a member of the Province of St. Joseph in 1915, and was assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory in New York City, where he remained until his death. During World War I he served as a chaplain with the American forces. For thirty-seven years Father Casterot labored faithfully as a parish priest in St. Vincent Ferrer's, where he was director of the League of the Sacred Heart, and of the Deserving Poor Boys Priesthood Association. He was also a chaplain in the Knights of Columbus. The priests and parishioners of St. Vincent's will long revere the memory of this loyal Son of St. Dominic who passed so many years of his priestly life among them.

On July 22, 1944, Father Casterot celebrated his Golden Jubilee in the holy priesthood by offering a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church. He was felicitated on that joyous occasion by many of his friends and fellow Dominicans who joined with him in thanking God for his fruitful half century as a priest.

On the evening of June 30, Father Casterot's remains were borne into St. Vincent Ferrer's Church where the Office of the Dead was chanted by his Dominican brethren. On July 1, the Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered by the Prior, the Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P. The deacon of the Mass was the Rev. J. X. Strenkert, O.P., and the subdeacon the Rev. W. A. Dooley, O.P. The Rev. W. A. Carroll, O.P., and the Rev. W. F. Kopfman, O.P., were the acolytes. The funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P.

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-