

✠ THE REVEREND REGIS VINCENT WHALEN, O.P. ✠

Father Regis Vincent Whalen died suddenly on September 8, 1952, at St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minnesota. He was forty-three years of age. His death, the result of a heart attack, came as a great shock to all.

Father Whalen was born in Steubenville, Ohio, on September 24, 1908. He received his elementary training at Holy Name School, Steubenville. He began his Dominican education at Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio, and continued his training as a candidate for the Order of Preachers at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island. He entered the novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, on August 15, 1936, and made his simple profession the following year. He took his courses in philosophy and theology at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, where he was ordained to the holy priesthood on June 6, 1943, by the late Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, O.P., S.T.M., Archbishop of Cincinnati.

On July 13, 1943, Father Whalen offered his first Solemn Mass at St. Peter's Church, Steubenville, Ohio. His first assignment was as parish priest at Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Following this, he was appointed procurator at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois, and his last assignment was to the same office at St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona, Minnesota.

As the provincial's representative, Father Whalen supervised the construction of the new priory at Winona, and as procurator of the priory, he was supervising the formation of the new community cemetery at the time of his death.

A Solemn Mass of Requiem was sung for the repose of his soul on September 11, in the chapel of St. Peter Martyr Priory, Winona. The Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert's Province, was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Aldridge, O.P., as deacon, and the Rev. J. G. O'Connell, O.P., as sub-deacon. The Most Reverend Edward Fitzgerald, D.D., Bishop of Winona, presided at the Mass and gave the absolution. The Rev. E. M. Cuddy, O.P., pastor of St. Dominic's Church, New Orleans, delivered the eulogy. Burial was in the new community cemetery.

*Dominicana* offers sincere condolences to Father Whalen's sister, and to all his relatives and friends. *May he rest in peace!*