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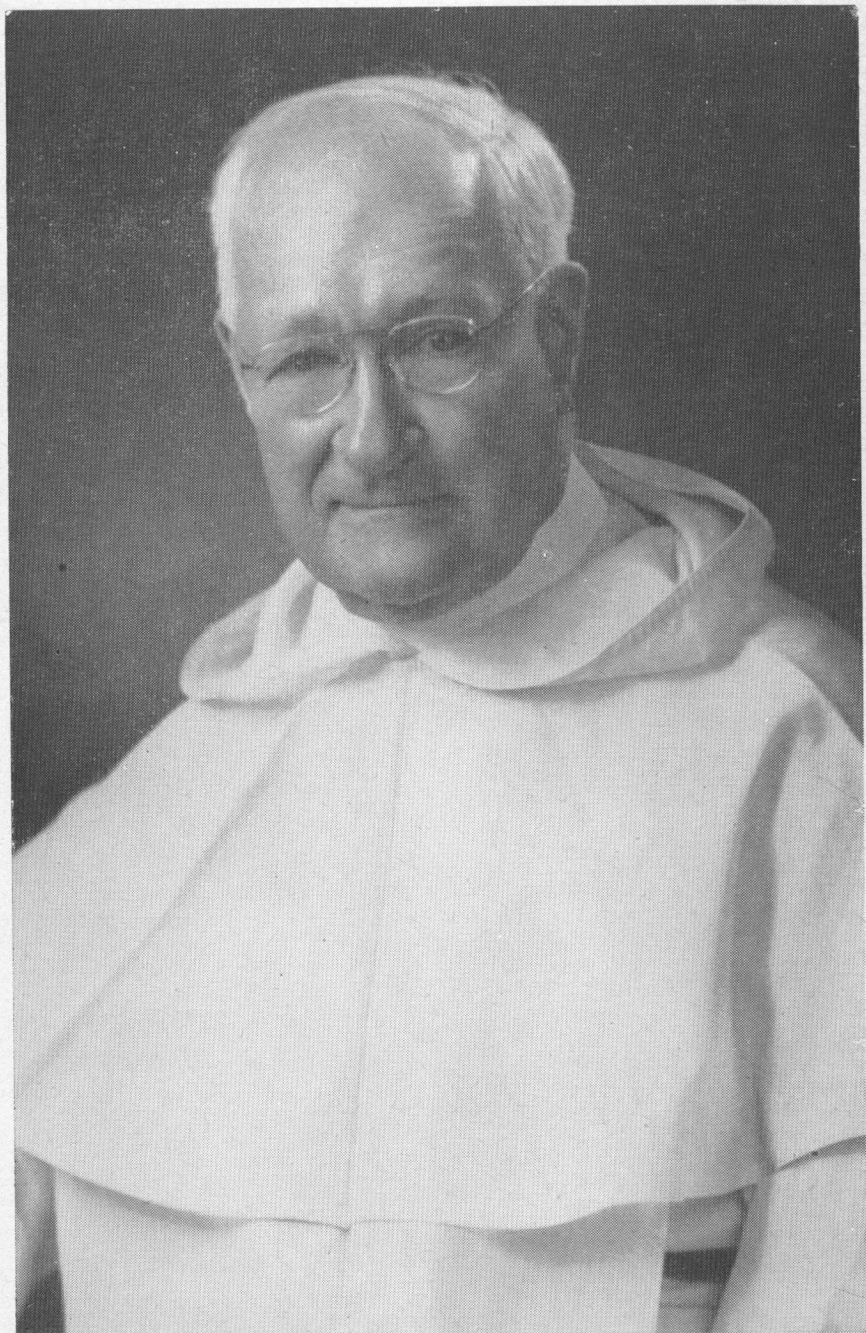
THE VERY REVEREND JOHN HENRY HEALY, O.P., P.G.

August 2, 1953 marked the joyful occasion of Father John Henry Healy's Golden Jubilee of ordination to the sacred priesthood.

Father Healy commemorated this happy event by celebrating a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, in New York City on Wednesday, August the twelfth. Very Rev. Robert L. Rumaggi, O.P., P.G., was the deacon and the Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., P.G., was the subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Reverend James C. McDonough, O.P. Present in the sanctuary for the Jubilee Mass were the Very Reverend Father Provincial, the Most Reverend Joseph Donahue, D.D., and the Most Reverend Raymond Kearney, D.D., Auxiliary Bishops of New York, and the Most Reverend Raymond A. Lane, M.M., of Maryknoll. In attendance also were a vast number of Dominicans, Monsignori, and other secular clergy. The recently-elected Mother Aloyse, O.P., Mother-General of the St. Mary's of the Springs community, many friends and relatives and parishioners of St. Vincent's paid tribute to Father Healy's half-century of devoted priestly endeavor.

Born in Manchester, England on March 3, 1879, Father Healy was the eldest of the five children of Bernard and Jane (Mulligan) Healy, natives of Lavagh, Co. Roscommon, Ireland. New York City became Father Healy's home at an early age, and it was in that city that he received his early education at St. Monica and St. Vincent Ferrer schools. Later, he attended City College of New York. He received the habit of the Order on August 16, 1897 at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where, a year later he pronounced his simple vows. He pursued his philosophical and theological course of studies at St. Rose Priory and St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. On August 2, 1903, Father Healy was ordained to the sacred priesthood at St. Joseph's by the Most Reverend Henry Moeller, Coadjutor to the Archbishop of Cincinnati.

After the customary year of theology following ordination, Father Healy was appointed professor and first Vice-president of the newly-instituted Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio. Father Healy shared in this pioneer work for three years, and then he was assigned to the Mission Band in 1908. From that date until the present he has excelled as a member of that apostolic band, being chosen to head it



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in 1913,—an office which he successfully filled until 1931. At the recommendation of the Provincial chapter of 1917, Father Healy was awarded the highly distinctive Dominican degree of 'Preacher General' by the Master-General of the Order, an honor which was richly deserved.

At present Father Healy is still active in missionary work, residing at St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York City. With his usual tireless devotion to duty and his spirit of self-sacrifice, Father Healy continues in the true Dominican tradition to live and preach as an edifying son of St. Dominic.

Dominicana joyfully offers its sincere congratulations to Father Healy on his Fiftieth Anniversary as a priest, and prayerfully wishes him success in his future ministry.