

✠ VERY REVEREND JOHN BERCHMANS LOGAN, O.P., P.G. ✠

Father John Berchmans Logan died at the hospital of Saint Raphael, New Haven, Connecticut on May 22, 1953, after a lingering illness. He was seventy-four years of age, and had spent fifty-one years of devoted sacerdotal service in the Dominican Order.

A native of Connecticut, Father Logan was born in New Haven on December 9, 1878, one of nine children of the late John and Mary (Murray) Logan, natives of Ireland. He attended the Hamilton grammar school and the Hillhouse high-school in that city. In the autumn of 1897 he entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where, on September tenth, he was clothed with the habit of the Order. One year later he made profession as a member of the Order of Friars Preachers on October 4, 1898, and then began his course of studies there at St. Rose Priory. Father Logan completed his philosophy course at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where, in the next three years he pursued his theological course of studies. He was ordained to the sacred priesthood at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio on August 21, 1902, with the Most Reverend Henry Moeller, Bishop of Columbus, as the ordaining prelate.

Following ordination, Father Logan was assigned to parochial work at St. Antoninus Priory, Newark, New Jersey. During the next six years he labored as parish priest at various Dominican churches along the eastern seaboard. In 1915, Father Logan was attached to the Eastern Mission Band, and served the Dominican Order as a missionary until his assignment, in 1932, to St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Connecticut. It was there that Father Logan administered to souls until his death. Despite blindness, which handicapped him in his later years, Father Logan performed his limited priestly duties with the same diligence and industry that characterized his exceptional work as a preacher and missionary.

In recognition of his many, fruitful years as a preacher in St. Joseph's Province, Father Logan was awarded the degree of Preacher General by the Master-General of the Order. The Provincial, Very Reverend Terence S. McDermott, O.P., conferred this distinctive honor on Father Logan at a special ceremony in the Friars' Chapel at St. Mary's Priory on June 6, 1944.

Less than a year ago, on August 21, 1952, Father Logan celebrated his Golden Jubilee of ordination to the sacred priesthood. A Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving was sung at St. Mary's Church, New

Haven, Connecticut at which occasion Father Logan was felicitated by his many relatives and friends.

On May 25, 1953, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered for Father Logan at St. Mary's Church in New Haven. The Most Reverend Henry J. O'Brien, Bishop of Hartford, celebrated the Funeral Mass. Assisting as Arch-priest was the Right Reverend William Collins, Director of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, with the Reverend Raymond O'Callahan as deacon and the Reverend James Hanaher as the subdeacon of the Mass. The Very Reverends R. L. Rumaggi, O.P., P.G., and J. L. Finnerty, O.P., P.G., were deacons of honor, while the Reverend James Kerwan was the Master of Ceremonies. The eulogy was delivered by the Very Reverend Thomas F. Conlon, O.P., P.G. Serving as acolytes in the Mass were the Reverend Edwin B. O'Brien, St. Thomas More Chapel, Yale University and the Reverend Edward Radowitz, of St. Rose Church, New Haven. Burial took place at the Dominican plot in St. Lawrence Cemetery, where the services were conducted by the Very Reverend Vincent R. Burnell, O.P., P.G., Prior of St. Mary's, and the Right Reverend John F. Callahan, Vicar-general of the diocese of Hartford.

*Dominicana* extends sympathy to the relatives and friends of Father Logan. *May his soul rest in peace.*