



THE VERY REVEREND



GEORGE BONAVENTURE PAULIUKAS (PAULIUS) O.P., J.C.D.,

Ex-Provincial of Lithuania

Father Pauliukas died suddenly July 13, 1956, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Born in Lithuania, on October 27, 1885, the son of John and Anna Breivis Pauliukas, Father Pauliukas received his elementary schooling in Palaukiai, Lithuania. He attended high school at Valparaiso University, Indiana, and college at St. Meinrad's, Indiana. Philosophical and theological studies for the priesthood were completed at St. John's Seminary, Brooklyn, New York. Bishop Salvatore Waleser, O.M.Cap., D.D., ordained Father Pauliukas to the sacred priesthood in St. John's Church, Brooklyn, May 29, 1920.

The first six years of his priestly life were spent as a parish priest of the Brooklyn diocese, assigned to Annunciation Rectory, Brooklyn.

He entered the Dominican Order with the hope of reestablishing the Province of the Guardian Angel in Lithuania. The Very Reverend J. S. Wilburn, O.P., gave him his Dominican habit at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, on October 31, 1926. On November 1, 1927, he made his simple profession to the Very Reverend L. P. Johannsen, O.P., at St. Rose.

Father Pauliukas was then assigned to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C., for the next two years. In January, 1929, he received his degree as Bachelor of Canon Law at the Catholic University of America, and in June of the same year he received the degree of Licentiate of Canon Law at the same university. He then studied at the Angelico in Rome, where he received his Doctorate of Canon Law in March, 1931.

He was sent to Lithuania by the late Master General, the Most Reverend Martin S. Gillet, O.P., as Vicar of the General with the duty of restoring the Dominican Province there. Fathers Francis Yonkus, O.P., Bruno Zvirblis, O.P., and Victor Wroblewski, O.P., were sent to help him in this work. They were able to acquire Assumption Convent in Raseiniai. Fathers Yonkus and Zvirblis were returned to this country when World War II began, but Father Pauliukas chose to remain in Lithuania.

Released from a concentration camp at the close of the war, he returned to the United States and was assigned as chaplain to the Dominican Sisters at the Convent of St. Joseph, Oxford, Michigan. He filled this post from 1950 to 1956.

The solemn funeral Mass for Father Pauliukas was celebrated July 16, 1956, at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City. The celebrant was the Very Reverend Earl Matthew Hanley, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. Reverend Vitoldus Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P., chaplain to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Metuchen, New Jersey, was the deacon. Reverend Peter Kmita, O.P., of St. Albert's Province, whose vocation was encouraged by Father Pauliukas, served as subdeacon. Burial was at Pleasantville, N. Y.

*Dominicana* extends its sympathy to the friends of a priest who had the privilege to work so hard and suffer so much for the Province, the Order and the Church.

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✠ REVEREND PAUL ADRIAN ELNEN, O.P. ✠

After a short illness, Father Paul Adrian Elnen, O.P., died on August 14, 1956, in Mercy Hospital, Miami, Florida. At the time of his death he was serving as temporary assistant at the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, Florida. The funeral was held August 17 at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where Father Elnen was assigned before he died. The Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., was celebrant of the Solemn Mass, assisted by Rev. P. J. Conaty, O.P., who served as deacon, and Very Rev. F. E. Yonkus, O.P., who was subdeacon. A eulogy was given by Very Rev. F. N. Reynolds, O.P. Present at the funeral were the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, and Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll, D.D., Bishop of Wichita, who gave the final absolution. Another Solemn Mass was offered for Father Elnen in the Church of the Little Flower on August 15. He is survived by a brother, Walter T. Elnen, M.D.

Father Elnen was born December 23, 1903, in Norwalk, Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Charles Elnen. He attended grammar school in Canton, Ohio, and received his high school and college education at St. John's College in Toledo. He entered the Order in 1925, receiving the habit in September at St. Rose Priory. After being professed at St. Rose a year later, he was sent to River Forest to study philosophy and later to St. Joseph's and subsequently Washington for his theology. He was ordained in his home parish, St. Peter's church in Canton, Ohio, in 1932 by his uncle, the Most Rev. A. J. Schwertner, Bishop of Wichita.