

✠ REVEREND JAMES JOSEPH BAVERSO, O.P. ✠

In the tenth year of his priestly life, Father James Baverso offered to God the final sacrifice of his own life. He died November 14, 1956, in Louisville, Kentucky, at Our Lady of Peace Hospital. Death came after a long illness culminating in a stroke, after which he remained in coma six days until he died. The funeral was held November 17 at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, where Father Baverso had been assigned. The Very Reverend C. A. Musselman, O.P., prior of St. Rose, celebrated the solemn Mass, assisted by Father G. Q. Friel, O.P., as deacon, and Father J. L. Lennon, O.P., as subdeacon. Father J. R. Desmond, O.P., gave the eulogy, and Fathers J. P. Farrell, O.P., and J. L. Sullivan, O.P., were acolytes for the Mass. Burial took place in the priests' cemetery at St. Rose.

Father Baverso was born in Braddock, Pennsylvania, where he also received his elementary and high school training, the latter at St. Thomas High School. He entered Providence College in 1938, the novitiate at St. Rose in the summer of 1940, and he made his religious profession a year later on August 16. He spent two years at St. Joseph Priory in Ohio studying philosophy, and then was sent to the House of Studies in Washington to complete the course and to study theology. On June 5, 1947, at St. Dominic's church in Washington, he was ordained by the Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, D.D., the Apostolic Delegate. After completing his theology course he was assigned to Aquinas High School in Columbus as an instructor, and in 1953 he was sent to St. Dominic's parish in Youngstown. The following year he returned to St. Rose, to end his Dominican life where it had begun.

Father Baverso is survived by two sisters and three brothers. One of the sisters is also a Dominican, Sister Mary Luke, O.P. Another brother, Philip, died while at St. Rose to attend the funeral. *Dominicana* sincerely extends its sympathy to the family of Father Baverso for their losses. *Requiescant in pace.*