

✠ VERY REVEREND LORENZ PIUS JOHANNSEN, O.P. ✠

On February 28 the province lost one of its most illustrious and beloved sons when Father Pius Johannsen died after a long priestly life of unremitted labor. Death came after a brief illness in Philips Memorial Hospital, North Tarrytown, N. Y. At the time Father Johannsen held the post of chaplain to the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor at Mariandale, Ossining, N. Y. But his most distinguished and memorable service to the Order and St. Joseph's Province was his term of 18 years as master of novices—years in which he trained scores of the Order's offspring, fashioning them after the likeness of their father St. Dominic, who was the special exemplar of Father Johannsen's own life.

He was a native of Newport, R. I., born there on March 11, 1892, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Christian Johannsen. Two other children of the family also joined the religious life. Father Johannsen's sister, Sister M. Josita, was a member of the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart, and his brother, also a Dominican, the Very Rev. Bertrand Johannsen, O.P., P.G., is the pastor of St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tenn.

After completing his grammar schooling in the Newport public schools, Father Johannsen went to Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia. Before entering the Order he received his college education at the University of Pennsylvania, the Catholic University of America, and Ohio State University. At the age of 19 he entered the novitiate at St. Joseph's Priory and there received the habit September 11, 1911. A year later he made his first profession, and then was sent to the House of Studies in Washington for his training in philosophy and Sacred Theology. On June 15, 1917, in the chapel of the priory he was ordained by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of Catholic University.

The following year Father Johannsen received his first assignment to Aquinas College High School, Columbus, as professor of physics. In November 1924 he began his almost legendary career as master of novices, returning to the scene of his own novitiate, St. Joseph's Priory. A year later, however, the novitiate was transferred to St. Rose Priory where Father Johannsen remained until his retirement from the position in the fall of 1941. All the time that he was novice master he was also subprior.

Mirroring the divine restlessness of his Lord Who was intent on doing the work of His Father "while it was day," Father Johannsen did not slacken his work with the termination of his

training of the novices but became pastor of St. Thomas Church in Zanesville, O. In 1945 he returned to the scene of his long labors, becoming prior and pastor at St. Rose. After completing this office in 1948 he was assigned to St. Andrew's parish in Cincinnati and the following year to the Colonel John J. Astor Home for Convalescent Boys, Rhinebeck, N. Y. In 1950 he began his last assignment at the novitiate house of the Sisters of the Sick Poor.

The funeral took place at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City, March 4, 1957. His brother, the Very Rev. Bertrand Johannsen, was the celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass. Very Rev. P. L. Thornton, O.P., served as deacon, and Rev. Justin McManus, O.P., was subdeacon. The eulogy was delivered by Very Rev. P. F. Mulhern, O.P., S.T.M. Rev. Charles A. Farrell, O.P. and Rev. G. G. Christian, O.P., were the acolytes. Included in the throng which gathered to pay parting homage to "a simple soul completely devoid of any guile" were distinguished members of the secular clergy, about 80 Dominican priests, and 200 Dominican sisters of various communities. Burial took place in the Dominican plot in All Souls Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y.

Every priest is a father, but to Dominican novices of both the First and Third Order Father Pius Johannsen is especially so. *May he rest in peace.*

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✠ THE REVEREND HENRY IGNATIUS SMITH, O.P. ✠

Exhausted by 47 years of apostolic labor and in the presence of his brethren in religion and the confreres of his work, Father Ignatius Smith fell asleep in Christ in the early afternoon of March 8. It was the day after the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the day in which he had consummated his life's work of living and preaching the doctrine of the Angelic Doctor. The strain of that day's preaching brought about a heart attack which ended his life in his seventy-first year. Father Smith died in Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C. At the time he held the office of dean of religious communities at the Catholic University. He was one of the nation's most illustrious preachers and leaders in Catholic education.

The oldest of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith,