

THE REVEREND

PAUL GERALD CORBETT, O.P.

The Rev. Paul G. Corbett, O.P., assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio, died suddenly in Mount Carmel Hospital in that city, on the morning of January 2nd. He had been admitted two days earlier, apparently suffering from a respiratory ailment.

Paul Gerald Corbett was born in Columbus, Ohio, on January 25th, 1900, and was educated in St. Patrick's Parochial School and Aquinas High School, both in that city. Father Corbett began his college studies at what was then Aquinas College in Columbus, and on August 15th, 1919, received the habit in nearby Somerset, at St. Joseph's Priory. After making profession there, he went to the cradle of the Province, St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, for a year of Philosophy. He completed his Philosophy and Theology at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., and was ordained at St. Dominic's Church in the Nation's Capital, on June 4th, 1926, by Archbishop M. J. Curley of Baltimore. In that same year, the newly-ordained received his Master of Arts degree from the Catholic University of America.

From 1927 to 1934, Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, claimed his services on its faculty. Seven years of parochial work at St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Kentucky, followed next. Ill health then necessitated a somewhat less rigorous work and, accordingly, Father Corbett was assigned as chaplain and professor of religion at St. Joseph's Academy, Columbus, Ohio, from 1941 to 1945. From 1946 until his death, Father Corbett was assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Parish, Columbus.

Father Corbett was known as one of the most outstanding Dominican preachers in the Columbus area. He had always been interested in the theatre and was active in the Players' Club of Aquinas High School while stationed there. For a time, he was associated with the Blackfriars' Guild in New York.

Father Corbett's death was given wide coverage in both the religious and secular press. Said one columnist in the Columbus (Ohio) *Dispatch*, "A priest whose ministry reached far beyond his assigned parish was Rev. Paul G. Corbett. . . . He knew people of all faiths. . . . He was respected for himself and his Church. . . . Father Corbett was truly a man of God. There is a sort of void right now as sacred ground accepts his mortal remains." Many hundreds of people of all races and faiths passed the bier of Father Corbett as he lay in state.

On the night of January 6th, 1958, the Office of the Dead was said in St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, for Father Corbett. The next morning, the Rev. John J. Costello, O.P., assisted by the Rev. L. C. Gainor, O.P., of Chicago, and the Very Rev. C. A. Drexilius, O.P., of Buffalo, N. Y., sang a Solemn Requiem Mass. The Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., of St. Mary of the Springs College, Columbus, preached the Eulogy. The Acolytes of the Mass were Rev. Walter C. Durbin, O.P., and the Rev. R. Jordan Aumann, O.P., of the Province of St. Albert the Great. The Most Rev. Edward G. Hettinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Columbus, presided. Interment was in the community cemetery of St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio.

Father Corbett's mother died when he was quite young and he was raised by an aunt, Miss Margaret Clifford, of Columbus. To her and to all Father's relatives and friends, *Dominicana* extends its deepest sympathy. *Requiescat in Pace!*

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JOSEPH BASIL SHEEHAN, O.P.

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly to Father J. B. Sheehan, O.P., a professor at Aquinas High School, Columbus, on January 3rd, 1958, at Sacred Heart Priory, Jersey City, where he had been assisting with parochial duties during the Christmas