

the title of Preacher General in 1938. He was appointed Superior and Pastor of St. Dominic's Church in Detroit, Michigan in 1941 and remained at this assignment until 1945 when he was elected Prior of St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn. It was on this occasion that he established a Shrine for special devotions to the Infant Jesus. By his great efforts and personal devotion, he helped to spread devotion to the Divine Infancy throughout the country. His apostolic labors became well known and the late Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, conferred upon him the Apostolic Medal, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice."

Father Burnell was transferred to the Priory of St. Catherine of Siena in 1957 where he remained until the time of his death. A Solemn High Mass of Requiem was offered for the repose of the soul of this great Missionary on December 30th at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Charles M. Mulvey, O.P., assisted by the Very Rev. Michael L. Novacki, O.P., as Deacon and the Rev. William R. Dillon, O.P., as Subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. Thomas F. Conlon, O.P., P.G. Burial took place at All Souls Cemetery, Pleasantville, New York, where the Very Rev. Father Provincial, William D. Marrin, O.P., P.G., recited the final prayers for the dead.

Father Burnell is survived by a brother, Edward A. Burnell and a sister, Miss Agnes Burnell, both of New York City. To them and to all of his relatives and friends, *Dominicana* extends its deepest sympathy.

## THE REVEREND

### JOHN MURPHY, O.P.

The Rev. John Murphy, O.P., chaplain of Mt. Alto Veteran's Hospital in Washington, D. C., died suddenly at St. Dominic's Rectory in that city on January 10, 1959.

John Murphy was born on August 7, 1894 in Summit, New Jersey and attended St. Theresa's Parochial School. His secondary education was obtained at Aquinas High School in Columbus,

Ohio, after which he entered the Dominican Order at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, on August 26, 1923. He made his profession in the same convent on August 27, 1924 and was then assigned to St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky to begin his philosophical studies. These studies were completed at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois and in 1926, he was sent to the House of Studies in Washington for his theological training. On June 16, 1930, Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore, Maryland ordained him to the Priesthood at St. Dominic's Church in Washington.

After ordination, Father Murphy taught at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois for a year and then was assistant at St. Antoninus, Newark from 1932 to 1941. He was reassigned to the House of Studies in Washington in 1942 but spent part of that time doing parochial work in Augusta, Georgia, at the request of Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of Atlanta. Previous to his most recent assignment as chaplain at the Veterans' Hospital, Father Murphy did parish work in Zanesville, Ohio, and Providence, Rhode Island. In September, 1958, he was transferred to St. Dominic's in Washington where he continued his work at the hospital and also helped out in parish activities.

A Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was offered January 13 at St. Dominic's Church with the Rev. Harry A. Kelley, O.P., as celebrant. The Rev. Vincent Eguiguran-Valdovieso, O.P., Province of Ecuador, served as Deacon and the Very Rev. Matthew Hanley, O.P., was the Sub-Deacon. Dominican students from the House of Studies formed the choir and served as minor ministers at the Mass. Among the large delegation of priests present for the funeral was the Very Rev. Father Provincial, William D. Marrin, O.P., P.G.

Father Murphy is survived by two brothers, William D. Murphy of Summit and Robert B. Murphy of New York, and two sisters, Alice M. Murphy of Summit and Mrs. James Egan of Westfield, New Jersey. To his brothers and sisters and to all his relatives and friends, *Dominicana* expresses its condolences on the loss of this beloved priest.