

**THE VERY REVEREND**  
**VINCENT RAYMOND BURNELL, O.P.**

The Very Rev. Vincent Raymond Burnell, O.P., former Pastor and Prior of St. Mary's Priory in New Haven, Conn., died on December 24th after a brief illness. At the time of his death he was assigned to the Priory of St. Catherine of Siena in New York City.

Vincent Raymond Burnell was born in New York City on March 1, 1886, and was educated at St. Vincent Ferrer Parochial School and St. Francis Xavier High School, both in that city. He received the habit of the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, Kentucky on August 15th, 1902. On August 16th, 1903, his profession was made in the same convent where he now began the study of Philosophy. Upon the completion of these studies, Father Burnell pursued his Theological studies at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C. Bishop James J. Hartley of Columbus, Ohio, ordained him to the Sacred Priesthood in the chapel of the House of Studies on June 24th, 1909.

Because of the poor condition of his health after ordination, Father Burnell was assigned for a brief time to Holy Rosary Parish in Minneapolis, Minn., and then to parish work in Texas. His health soon improved, however, and in 1914 he fulfilled his ambition of becoming a missionary when he was assigned to the Eastern Mission Band. For the next 22 years he labored with untiring zeal for the salvation of souls and attained to great renown in the missionary annals of our Province.

In 1924, he was appointed Superior of the Southern Mission Band and held this important post until 1930. During this time as Superior and Missionary he published a book that is still used by the Missionaries, "The Dominican Mission Book." In 1936, Father Burnell was appointed Pastor and Superior of St. Pius Church, Chicago, Illinois. During his term of office at Chicago, he was chosen to represent the Province of St. Joseph at the General Chapter of the Dominican Fathers in Rome. In recognition of his outstanding ability the Provincial Chapter conferred upon him

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.

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### 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,