

The Rev. George Brendan Connaughton, O.P.

The Rev. George Brendan Connaughton, assistant priest at St. Louis Bertrand Church in Louisville, Kentucky, died suddenly on April 29, 1961 after a brief illness. He had been assigned at St. Louis Bertrand Church for the past ten years. A native of Louisville, Fr. Connaughton, the son of the late John and Nora (McCormick) Connaughton, was born on November 19, 1912. He was educated in St. Louis Bertrand parochial school, St. Xavier's high school and St. Mary's College, Marion County, Kentucky. He entered the Dominican Order on August 16, 1933 at St. Rose Priory in Kentucky where he made his novitiate. After studying philosophy at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois, he completed his course of theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C.

Fr. Connaughton was ordained a Dominican priest on May 31, 1940 by Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore. He was assigned to parish work at St. Louis Bertrand Church in Louisville for one year; in 1942 he was assigned to St. Catherine Church in New York City; and then for a brief time he did work at Holy Trinity Church in Somerset, Ohio. In 1944, Fr. Connaughton entered the Armed Services as an Army chaplain and was assigned to duty in the Pacific War Area. After the end of World War II, he returned to Washington, D. C., but remained in the service until after the Korean War. In 1951 he returned to St. Louis Bertrand Church where he was an assistant in the parochial work of his native parish, head of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and also chaplain at Norton Infirmary.

The celebrant of the funeral Mass which was sung on May 2, 1961 was Very Rev. Paul J. D. Scanlon, O.P., prior of St. Louis Bertrand Priory; the offices of deacon and subdeacon were filled by Rev. Ralph M. Rascher, O.P., assistant at St. Louis Bertrand and Very Rev. Cyril W. Burke, O.P., prior of St. Stephen's Priory in Dover, Mass. Very Rev. Patrick J. Conaty, O.P., prior of St. Rose Priory preached the eulogy. Internment was at St. Rose Priory in Springfield, Kentucky.

Present at the funeral were Most Rev. Charles G. Maloney, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Louisville and Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., prior provincial of St. Joseph's province.

To Fr. Connaughton's four brothers, John, Charles, Thomas and Joseph; to his two sisters, Mrs. Helen King and Mrs. Frances Calhoun, all of Louisville, and to his many friends, *Dominicana* expresses its sincerest sympathy.