

OBITUARIES

in July, 1954, Father McDermott became Vicar General of the Order and remained in that office until the election of Father (now Cardinal) Michael Browne as Master General in April, 1955.

On April 8, the Very Reverend William D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial, sang the Solemn Requiem Mass in St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York. The deacon and subdeacon were the Very Reverend Mariner T. Smith, O.P., former Procurator General, and the Reverend Edward A. McDermott, O.P., respectively. Attending the Mass were the Most Rev. Philip J. Furlong, Auxiliary of New York; Most Rev. John W. Comber, M.M.; and over two hundred priests and religious.

To his sisters, Mrs. Mary Reinhart and Mrs. Kate Knowles, and to the Brethren and many friends of this outstanding Dominican, *Dominicana* extends its sincerest sympathy.

THE VERY REVEREND

EDWARD GREGORY FITZGERALD, O.P.

After a long and illustrious career, Father Edward G. Fitzgerald, O.P., S.T.M., died at Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C., on February 16, 1963. He had been a priest for almost sixty-five years.

The eldest of ten children, Father Fitzgerald was born in Washington, D.C. on August 13, 1875. He attended St. Dominic's parochial school and received his high school and college education at St. John's in Washington, D.C. Upon entering the Dominican Order, Father Fitzgerald studied at St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Ky., and St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. He was ordained in the old chapel of St. Mary's of the Spring, Columbus, Ohio, by Bishop John A. Watterson on April 5, 1898.

Shortly after his ordination, Father Fitzgerald was sent to study at the Biblical School in Jerusalem, and on his return to this country, he began to teach Scripture at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. When the new Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., was opened in 1905, Father Fitzgerald was assigned to teach Scripture, a position he held until 1910 when he was elected prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's in New York City. It was during the six years that he held this post that he began the con-

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struction of the present magnificent church there. In 1916, Father Fitzgerald was elected prior of the House of Studies in Washington, D.C., where he resumed his teaching. Shortly after he was honored with the degree of Master of Sacred Theology.

It was in 1922 that Father Fitzgerald began his teaching career at Catholic University of America. He was made the first chaplain of the University in 1928, and in 1939 became the Dean of the School of Theology, a position he held until 1941 when he reached the age of retirement. In the meantime he had since 1933 carried the additional office of Regent of Studies for the Province of St. Joseph.

Besides these regular assignments which occupied the major part of his time and efforts, Father Fitzgerald was a well known pulpit orator, a respected preacher of retreats and special discourses, and the first editor of the *Holy Name Journal*.

Throughout all his varied labors, Father Fitzgerald lived a priestly and religious life that was exemplary, self-sacrificing and painstaking. His extreme punctuality and regularity in every religious duty were qualities that were founded on a carefulness in satisfying perfectly the obligations that were owed to God, coupled with a forgetfulness of self.

On February 20, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Very Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies, at St. Dominic's Church in Washington, D.C. Rev. Raymond J. Dewdney, O.P. was deacon. Very Rev. David A. O'Connell, O.P. was subdeacon. Very Rev. George C. Reilly, O.P., S.T.M., preached the eulogy. A large number of priests and religious were in attendance.

To his family and his Dominican brethren, *Dominicana* offers its heartfelt sympathy.

THE REVEREND FRANCIS D. NEWMAN, O.P.

The Reverend Francis D. Newman, O.P., died at Our Lady of Peace Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky, on February 19, 1963 after a long illness. He was seventy-three years old.

Father Newman was born in South Orange, New Jersey on August 20, 1890. He received his education in St. Mary's parochial school and Seton Hall College, South Orange. Upon entering the Dominican Order,