

Hospital, Columbus. There he remained for six months, and then, much improved, he went to New York.

On Monday, April 4th, after having visited the Dominican Fathers at St. Vincent Ferrer's, he went with his brother for a motor trip to the Orphan Asylum at Kingsbridge. Arriving at the Asylum, he felt himself growing weak; and suddenly he collapsed, and became unconscious, in which state he remained until death, on the following day, summoned him to his eternal reward.

His remains were taken to St. Vincent Ferrer's, where they were laid in state. On Friday, April 8th, a Solemn Requiem Mass was sung for the repose of his soul. Father Joachim Kennedy, O. P., a relative of the deceased priest, was celebrant of the Mass, assisted by Father Enis, O. P., as deacon, and Father DiMichele, O. P., as subdeacon. The Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., Novice-master at St. Joseph's while Father McGovern was there as a professed novice, preached the eulogy. Present in the sanctuary were priests from Columbus, Newark, Jersey City, New Haven, Philadelphia, Washington and New York. Notable, among others, was Father Splinter, O. P., Novice-master during the simple novitiate of Father McGovern. Interment was made at Calvary Cemetery, Long Island.

May he rest in peace, and be a shining example, by his self-sacrifice and holy zeal, to future generations of Dominicans.

—Bro. Matthew O'Connor, O. P.

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### **REVEREND JOHN DOMINIC MARIA VAN DEN WILDENBERG, O. P., S. T. Lr.**

On April 24th, the Province of St. Joseph sustained a very severe loss when the Angel of Death summoned to eternal rest the soul of the Rev. John Dominic Maria Van den Wildenberg, O. P. Few Dominicans have followed in the footsteps of St. Dominic more faithfully than has Father John Dominic.

While the father of the deceased was Consul General at Chicago for the Belgian Government, John Dominic was born in Illinois on January 13th, 1863. A short time after-

ward the family returned to Belgium where the children were given a complete education in both secular and religious learning. That the learning was not in vain is shown by the fact that in after years two of the sons became renowned physicians at Antwerp; three took the holy habit of St. Dominic and three daughters offered their lives to the Divine Spouse behind the cloistered walls of Belgian monasteries.

Father John Dominic was clothed with the white habit at La Sarte, Belgium, on September 28, 1881, and one year later he was professed. On September 8, 1886, he was ordained. At the end of the scholastic year, 1888, Father John Dominic was awarded the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology. Years later after having successfully taught theology and having held the office of Prior at Louvain, Father John Dominic made plans to give himself to the work of foreign missions. It was during the regime of Very Rev. L. F. Kearney, O. P., S. T. M., as head of this Province, that his transfer from the Province of Belgium was effected. On June 10, 1899, he arrived at the Convent of St. Joseph at Somerset, Ohio, then the House of Studies, where for several years he taught Theology and Apologetics. On September 29, 1900, Father Wildenberg was elected Sub-Prior of St. Joseph's.

While teaching at St. Joseph's, Father John Dominic was called upon often to help the missionaries in the Middle West. About 1906, he was assigned to the mission band and from the very start he was successful. Vast is the number of souls which by a kind word from him has turned its back forever upon a life of sin. A short time ago his constitution, once strong, broke down and left the zealous missionary hovering between life and death. On April 24th the end came at Philadelphia after a most edifying reception of the last sacraments.

The body of the deceased was laid in state at the Convent of his assignment, St. Dominic's, Washington, D. C., until the funeral on Wednesday, April 27th. A Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by Very Rev. D. J. Kennedy, O. P., S. T. M., of the House of Studies, assisted

by Rev. G. I. Conlan, O. P., and Very Rev. J. A. Cowan, O. P. The sermon was preached by the Very L. F. Kearney, O. P., S. T. M., ex-Provincial. The blessing before the burial was pronounced by the Provincial, Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P. There were present in the sanctuary many of the secular clergy and Dominicans from the various houses. The Fathers were assisted in the singing of the Mass and the burial service by the Novices of the House of Studies. Interment was made in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington, D. C. Requiescat in pace.

—Bro. Ambrose Smith, O. P.

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### **THE VERY REV. JOHN PIUS MURPHY, O. P., P. G.**

The Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus has sustained a sad loss in the death of the Very Rev. John Pius Murphy, O. P., P. G., ex-Vicar General of the Dominicans in California and one of the foremost and venerable figures of the Catholic Church on the Pacific Coast. After a brief illness, he died Monday evening, March 28, 1921, at St. Dominic's Priory, San Francisco, in the 61st year of his religious profession.

Father Murphy was born in Quebec, Canada, June 23, 1844. In 1850, he sailed with his parents for California by way of Panama. When still in his boyhood his mother placed him under the care of the Dominican Fathers at St. Dominic's Monastery, Benicia, where he soon developed a love for that great Order and sought the habit of St. Dominic, in 1859, from the hands of the Superior, the venerable Father Vilarrasa. The following year he was sent to France to pursue his clerical studies and in 1868 was ordained priest in England. Upon his return to America he was stationed at the House of Studies, Benicia, Calif., until 1876 when he became the first Prior of the newly-founded Convent of St. Dominic in San Francisco. In 1892 he was made Vicar General of the Congregation of California and fulfilled that position with incessant zeal for sixteen years.