

✠ **Rev. Michael Joachim Kennedy, O. P.** ✠

The Province of St. Joseph lost a devoted son, when on Saturday, June 6, Fr. Michael Joachim Kennedy, was called to his eternal reward. Fr. Kennedy had been ill for some time. Two months ago he underwent an operation from which he recovered sufficiently to resume his duties as secretary to the Very Rev. Father Provincial. On Friday he worked as usual, but on Saturday morning he was found dead in bed. Fr. Kennedy's genial, cheerful disposition won for him many friends who share the sorrow his religious brethren feel at the loss of so faithful and worthy a priest.

Fr. Kennedy was born in New York City, March 17, 1878. At the age of twenty-two, he entered the Novitiate at St. Rose's where he was professed Nov. 1, 1901. He made his philosophical and theological studies at St. Joseph's Convent, Somerset, Ohio. In 1906, he was ordained to the priesthood at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C. After completing his theological course, he was appointed to St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., where he served as Subprior from 1911 until 1914. He was then appointed Secretary to the Provincial, with headquarters at St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City. From 1917 until 1923, Fr. Kennedy performed parochial duties successively at St. Catherine's, New York City, where he was for a time Subprior, St. Dominic's, Denver, Colo., Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, and St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Ky., where he served as Procurator and sub-novice-master. In 1923, he returned to St. Vincent Ferrer's as Secretary to the Provincial. Here it was that his fruitful labors were so abruptly cut short.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1925, a solemn Mass of Requiem was sung at St. Vincent Ferrer's for the repose of his soul. May he rest in peace.