

✠ **Very Rev. J. B. O'Connor, O. P., P. G.** ✠

On Monday, April 26, 1926, the Very Reverend John Bonaventure O'Connor, O. P., P. G., a Dominican missionary of exceptional ability and long experience, and one of the best known of the Fathers of St. Joseph's Province of the Order of Preachers, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton, Mass. Father O'Connor had been in poor health for the past three years and three months ago increasing disability forced him to go to the hospital at Brighton where he died a peaceful and happy death.

The career of Fr. O'Connor was a long and active one. Born in Boston, April 14, 1872, he received his preliminary schooling in his native city and studied at Boston College for two years. He entered the novitiate of the Dominican Order at Springfield, Ky., made his first profession there October 10, 1894, and then went to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he finished his theological studies and was ordained priest on March 25, 1898. Fr. O'Connor possessed great natural talents for preaching and was made a member of the Dominican missionary band shortly after his ordination. This was the principal work of his sacerdotal life, and with experience and practice perfecting the bounty he had received in nature, his name became synonymous with splendid oratory and great zeal. He gave missions throughout the length and breadth of the land, spending himself and his remarkable powers freely in the cause of souls.

Father O'Connor was known as the author of several books and pamphlets, among which "Monasticism and Civilization," "Catechetical History of the Dominican Order," "St. Dominic and the Order of Preachers" and "Priest and Protestant" are the best known. All his written works were scholarly and evidenced the splendid mind with which he was gifted.

After his death, the body was taken to New Haven, Ct., where, at St. Mary's Priory, the Dominican House to which Father O'Connor had been assigned for the last few years, a solemn requiem Mass was sung on Friday, April 30th. The celebrant was the Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G. Interment was in the Dominican plot in St. Lawrence Cemetery, New Haven. Requiescat in pace.