

OBITUARY

✠ Very Rev. George Ignatius Conlan, O. P. ✠



THE Dominican Order suffered a severe loss on July 20, 1920, in the death of Very Rev. George I. Conlan, Prior of St. Antoninus' Convent, Newark, N. J. Father Conlan was a priest in every sense of the word. He had been in poor health for the past few months, undergoing three operations for internal troubles; the strain of these sicknesses told on him and, although always robust, he failed to improve after the third operation. He died Friday, July 20, in St. Mary's Hospital, Orange, N. J.

Father Conlan's life was an interesting and varied one. Born in Newark, N. J., July 4, 1875, he received his early education in the parochial schools and St. Benedict's College, Newark. In 1893 he entered St. Rose's novitiate, Springfield, Kentucky, the cradle of the Dominican Order in America, making profession January 15, 1895. He was ordained a priest September 28, 1899, at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, by the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Martinelli. After his ordination Father Conlan was stationed at Somerset, laboring on the Rosary Magazine; in 1902 he was assigned to his home parish, Newark, where his preaching ability was soon taken note of and he became engaged in the missionary field. In July, 1907, he was appointed vicar of St. Catherine's, New York, remaining there till his election as Prior of St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., on November 22, 1913. On the expiration of his first term he was reelected; his second term expired December 10, 1919. January 11, 1920, he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio, and served in that capacity until February 18, 1922, when he was appointed pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Somerset, Ohio, where, besides his parochial work, he carried the added burden of the overseeing of The Rosary Magazine, The Holy Name Journal and The Torch. Father Conlan remained here until his election as Prior of St. Antoninus' Church, Newark, March 28, 1923; here again he was reelected in 1926, and was Prior in his home parish when he died.

Father Conlan possessed a genial character, excellent judgment, was a model religious, a builder and a preacher of no mean ability. The Holy Hour conducted by him at St. Antoninus was considered by the bishop as the model for his diocese. The splendid new school of St. Antoninus will remain as a marked remembrance of what a zealous priest can accomplish.

Father Conlan was buried from St. Antoninus Church Friday, July 23, 1926. The Solemn Requiem Mass being sung by the Very Rev. Provincial, Raymond Meagher, O. P. Interment was in the Dominican plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Newark, N. J. Requiescat in pace.