

OBITUARY

✠ Brother William Holland ✠

On Tuesday, November 2, 1926, the Feast of the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, Brother William Holland, a Novice of St. Rose's Convent, Springfield, Ky., was called to his eternal reward in his twenty-fifth year. Brother William died at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville, Ky., from complications after a goiter operation.

The body, clothed in the white and black habit of the Order of Friars Preachers was taken to his parent's home in Chicago, accompanied by the Very Rev. L. P. Johannsen, O. P., Novice Master at St. Rose's Convent. On Saturday, November 7th, a Solemn Funeral Mass was sung in the Visitation Church, Chicago, by Father Johannsen assisted by the Very Rev. D. A. Casey, O. P., S. T. Lr., Prior of the Dominican House of Philosophy in Chicago, as deacon, and the Very Rev. J. H. Foster, O. P., S. T. Lr., also of the House of Philosophy, as subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. V. F. Kienberger, O. P., of Detroit, a lifelong friend of the youthful Dominican. The Novices of the House of Philosophy, many of whom knew Brother William and studied with him both at Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, and Providence College, Providence, R. I., sang the Mass and chanted the Office of the Dead. At the grave prayers were recited by the Very Rev. L. P. Johannsen, O. P., while the Novices chanted the "Benedictus" and prayers for a departed Brother. On the seventh day the Novices of St. Rose sang a Solemn Requiem Mass at which Father Johannsen was again the celebrant, assisted by Fathers McGowan and Van Becelaire.

His last words to his fellow Students were, "I know that I am subjecting myself to a very serious matter, but if God wants me I am perfectly resigned to His Holy Will since I have at least received the habit of St. Dominic for which I have been living in anticipation for six long years." With characteristic obedience, one of the predominant virtues of his life, he bade them farewell. With a remarkable spirit of resignation and fortitude he yielded his pure soul to God. Almighty God honored Brother William when He prepared him for his holy and peaceful death by permitting him the privilege of living the religious life for two months in the Order he cherished.

Brother William's zeal and sincerity were clearly manifested to all with whom he came in contact, during his college days and during his brief time at St. Rose's. In the performance of all his duties, no matter how trivial, his alacrity and spontaneity were most praiseworthy and exemplary. To his sorrowed mother, father, and sister, whom we know are fully resigned to God's Holy Will, the Novices extend their prayers and sympathy in their sudden and sad bereavement. Requiescat in Pace.

—Brother Robert.