

✠ REV. JAMES STANISLAUS WILBURN, O. P. ✠

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N February 5, 1927, Rev. James Stanislaus Wilburn, O. P., Prior of St. Rose Convent, Springfield, Ky., died at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville, Ky. Death was due to injuries received in an automobile accident. Father Wilburn was a zealous and holy priest, and his loss will be keenly felt by the Fathers of St. Joseph's Province, and especially by the Novices and the people of St. Rose Parish.

Father Wilburn was born in New York City, April 25, 1885. As an altar-boy at St. Vincent Ferrer's, he manifested unmistakable signs of a priestly vocation. On the completion of his elementary school course, he entered St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Md., and in December, 1907, he entered the Dominican Novitiate, then at Somerset, Ohio. After his year of probation, he was admitted to simple profession, and sent to the House of Studies at Washington to begin his course in philosophy. In 1911 he took the solemn vows of religion, and on June 25, 1913, was ordained to the holy priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Owen B. Corrigan, D. D., Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore. In 1914 he was appointed Sub-Novice Master at Washington, and a year later was assigned to Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, where he filled the office of professor and procurator till December, 1920, when he was transferred to St. Vincent Ferrer's Convent in New York City.

On July 16, 1921, he was elected Prior of St. Rose Convent, Springfield, Ky., and on July 25, 1924, was re-elected to a second term. During the years of his labor in Kentucky he won the esteem and affection of all with whom he came in contact. Father Wilburn had business ability of a high order, and was a splendid organizer. Shortly after his arrival in Kentucky he undertook to repair the Church and old convent, and due to his efforts, both have been completely remodeled. In this work Father Wilburn leaves a lasting monument to his memory.

All day Sunday, February 6th, the bodies of Fathers Wilburn and Cleary lay in state in the sanctuary of St. Louis Bertrand's Church, Louisville, where on the following day at 11 A. M., a Solemn Mass of Requiem, *coram episcopo*, was celebrated by the Very Rev. F. B. Gorman, O. P., Prior of St. Louis Bertrand's Convent, assisted by Rev. L. P. Johansen, O. P., acting as deacon, and Rev. O. D. Parent, O. P., as subdeacon. Very Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G.,

delivered an eloquent tribute to the deceased. The final absolution was given by the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., S. T. Lr., LL. D., Provincial. Besides the Rt. Rev. J. A. Floersh, D. D., Bishop of Louisville, there were present in the sanctuary representatives of the various houses of the Order in this Province and many of the secular clergy.

After the Mass the body of Fr. Wilburn was taken to St. Rose, Springfield, Ky., for burial, where interment took place on February 8th. The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. T. L. Crowley, O. P., a close friend of Father Wilburn. Rev. O. D. Parent, O. P., was deacon, and Rev. L. E. Hughes, O. P., subdeacon. The Novices sang the Mass and chanted the Office of the Dead. As a mark of esteem the banks and business houses of Springfield were closed Tuesday morning. St. Rose Church was crowded by friends from far and near who came to pay their last sad tribute of respect and affection. Burial took place in the Convent Cemetery. To his relatives and friends, the Fathers and Novices of the Province extend their sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.

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✠ REV. GRATTAN VINCENT CLEARY, O. P. ✠

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N February 5, 1927, the Province of St. Joseph suffered the loss of a zealous missionary and exemplary religious in the untimely death of Rev. Grattan Vincent Cleary, O. P., at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville, resulting from injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred a few miles from Bardstown, Ky., while he with two of his confreres and a friend were enroute to St. Louis Bertrand's Priory, Louisville. At first it was thought that Father Cleary's injuries were not serious but further examination proved otherwise. The Lord called him to his eternal reward on February 5th, a few days after the accident.

Father Cleary was born at Chicago, Ill., on December 23, 1879. At an early age he came to Washington, D. C., with his parents. After completing his preparatory studies at Gonzaga High School of that city he gave ear to the gentle voice of the Master calling him to work in His Vineyard, and decided to cast his lot with the Sons of St. Dominic. Accordingly he sought admission to the Order of Friars Preachers and received the holy habit on December 23, 1901. Upon