

✠ REV. JOSEPH CYPRIAN BRADY, O. P. ✠

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HE death of the Reverend Joseph Cyprian Brady, which occurred on Sunday, June 23, 1929, came as a shock to the members of the Dominican Order in the United States.

Father Brady was born on April 30, 1884, in Danbury, Conn. Having determined to become a priest, he entered the Dominican Order as a novice at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, on January 12, 1906, receiving in religion the name of Brother Cyprian. In the following year on January 13, he made his profession and was sent to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington to pursue his philosophical and theological studies. He was ordained there to the priesthood on June 20, 1912.

Father Brady's first assignment was to Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, where he was head of the department of English for fourteen years. In 1922 he was transferred to the English department of Providence College, Providence, R. I. During the same year he was elected prior of St. Joseph's Convent, Somerset, Ohio, then the novitiate of the Province. By his exemplary life and his Christlike charity he endeared himself to the hearts, not only of his subjects, but to all those who came in contact with him. At the expiration of his term of office Father Brady was again appointed, in 1926, to the faculty of Aquinas College serving also as its vice-president. On account of ill health it seemed advisable to his superiors to lighten his too heavy duties and he was sent to the College of St. Mary of the Springs, East Columbus, Ohio, where he filled the chair of English until his death.

With the passing of Father Brady the Dominican Order lost one of its noblest members. Besides being a teacher of marked ability, he was also a gifted poet and musician, but above all these he shone forth as a priestly priest, whose death caused genuine grief among his many friends and acquaintances.

The attendance at the funeral services bore testimony of the high esteem in which Father Brady was held. The sanctuaries and the churches were filled to overflowing with the many friends who sought to pay a last tribute to this beloved Dominican.

Solemn High Mass was offered for the repose of his soul in the chapel of St. Mary of the Springs on Monday, June 24. Father Joseph D. Pendergast, O. P., was celebrant while Father Justin McManus, O. P., and Father A. Drexelius, O. P., acted as ministers. The remains were then taken to New Haven, Conn., for interment, where on Wednesday morning another Solemn High Mass was offered. Rev. J. L. Sullivan, O. P., was the celebrant, Rev. Pius P. Heasley, O. P., deacon—both classmates of the deceased—and Rev. Justin H. McManus, O. P., subdeacon. The Rev. E. A. Baxter, O. P., prior of St. Mary's Convent, New Haven, preached the sermon and the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O. P., Provincial gave the final blessing. The blessing at the grave was given by the Rev. Francis O'Neill, O. P.

Father Brady was laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery. To relatives and friends of Father Brady the DOMINICANA extends sincere and heartfelt sympathy. Requiescat in pace.

Bro. Brendan Reese, O. P.