

✠ **REV. JAMES REGINALD KENNEDY, O.P.** ✠

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It is the sad duty of DOMINICANA to report the death of another well beloved Dominican. The twilight of another year was the twilight of the life of a Friar Preacher, Rev. James Reginald Kennedy, who fortified by the last rites of the Church passed to his reward on Dec. 29, 1929.

Fr. Kennedy was born in Scotland, June 30, 1863, and received his early education from the Jesuits. Coming to the United States as a youth, he taught with great success at New Orleans and later at Notre Dame. The call to the religious state came to him while he was engaged in the latter institution, and from there he entered the historic Convent of St. Rose, Springfield, Ky., for his Novitiate, making Profession on January 15, 1890. He was sent to St. Joseph's Convent, Somerset, Ohio, for his course in Sacred Sciences and was ordained there, June 9, 1893. His first assignment was to St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tenn., for two years. Owing to ill health Fr. Kennedy spent the greater part of his religious life at St. Rose, where he devoted himself to meditation and reading. At different times when his health would permit, he was assistant at St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York City; St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Ky., and for a year at Hawthorne, N. Y.

The chronic ailment which made his life one of suffering and pain could never overcome his naturally cheerful disposition. His patience and long-suffering during those years were heroic. He was assigned to St. Joseph's Convent at Somerset, Ohio, shortly before his last illness, and died at Mount Carmel Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1929.

His body was brought to St. Joseph's and laid in state. The Novices recited the Psalter by his bier, and the Funeral Mass was sung by the Prior, Very Rev. Clement Nowlen, O.P. Requiescat in Pace.

Pascal Regan, O.P.