On April 28, 1935, the Rev. Edward Sylvester McGinnis, O.P., passed to his eternal reward at the age of sixty-seven, after thirty-five years of fruitful work as a priest of God.

Father McGinnis was born in Steubenville, Ohio, March 2, 1865, the son of Henry and Bridget Kelly McGinnis. He received his elementary education at St. Peter’s school, Steubenville, graduating from that high school in 1883. In answer to the divine call to the religious life he entered the Novitiate of the Order of Preachers at St. Rose’s Priory, Springfield, Ky., where he made his religious profession on March 9, 1897. During the next few years of his Dominican life this quiet, silent and serious youth devoted himself to the study of philosophy and theology and was ordained a priest at St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio, by Most Rev. Henry Moeller on September 20, 1900.

During the long years of his priesthood Father McGinnis filled various assignments in the Province of St. Joseph. He was stationed at Holy Trinity Church and the Rosary Press, Somerset, Ohio; at St. Raymond’s Church, Providence, R.I.; at St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, Ohio and at Holy Name Church, Philadelphia. He also served for a number of years as chaplain St. Clara’s Convent, Sinsinawa, Wis., and at St. Agnes Convent, at Sparkill, N. Y. Whatever task he undertook or whatever assignment was given him he fulfilled to the satisfaction of all. His zeal and devotion to the ideals of the Church and of his Order brought about that firmness and solidity of character so necessary for the ministerial work of a priest. The last five years of his life were years of suffering, patiently endured for love of the Master.

On Tuesday morning, April 30, a Solemn Requiem Mass was sung for the repose of the soul of Father McGinnis at St. Peter’s Church, Steubenville, Ohio. The Rev. C. Ryan, nephew of the deceased was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. J. T. Priest as deacon and the Rev. E. Sullivan as subdeacon.

May he rest in peace!

—J.D.K.

The Rev. William R. Mahoney, O.P., who had been a priest for thirty years, was called to his eternal reward on Monday