

✠ REV. WILLIAM AUGUSTINE SULLIVAN, O.P. ✠

On March 22, the Province of St. Joseph was saddened by the news of the death of one of its most beloved members, the Rev. William Augustine Sullivan.

Father Sullivan was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., June 25, 1876, the youngest of five children of the late Peter and Jane Ryan Sullivan. After receiving his elementary education at St. Malachy's parochial school and at St. Francis' High School in Brooklyn, Father Sullivan attended St. Charles College, Ellicott City, (now Catonsville) Md. Upon completion of his college course he was engaged in business for some time before making entrance into the religious life.

On September 14, 1909, Father Sullivan received the habit of St. Dominic at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, and on October 3, 1910, he made his religious profession into the hands of the Very Rev. F. D. McShane, who was then prior of that convent. His philosophical and theological studies were pursued at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the holy priesthood in the Chapel of the House of Studies on May 17, 1916, by the late Most Rev. Thomas Shahan, D.D.

Upon the completion of his studies in Washington, Father Sullivan was assigned as an assistant to St. Antoninus Priory, Newark, N.J. Here he labored until 1924 when he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Johnson City, Tenn. In November 1926, he became pastor of St. Pius' Church, Providence, R.I. A beautiful modern combination church and school in Providence is a lasting monument to his zeal and care of souls. In 1929, Father Sullivan was elected prior of the Convent of St. Antoninus in Newark, where he had served the first years of his priestly ministry. In October 1932, he was assigned to Holy Innocents' Church, Pleasantville, N.Y., but in the fall of 1934 was forced by illness to relinquish his duties at this assignment.

Father Sullivan was loved and respected by all who knew him. The funeral service was held in the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City, on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25. Besides representatives of the clergy of New York and Brooklyn, several hundred religious of different communities and a great throng of the laity filled the great church to honor the memory of this true son of St. Dominic. The solemn re-

quem Mass was sung by the Rev. H. H. Welsh, O.P. of St. Catherine of Siena Priory, New York, with the Rev. J. A. Shiel, O.P., of St. Vincent Ferrer Priory, deacon, and the Rev. J. R. Caien, O.P., of Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City, N.J., sub-deacon. The funeral oration was preached by the Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., editor of the Torch. A choir of sixty Dominican priests sang the Mass. The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial of the Dominican Fathers, presided at the chanting of the Dominican burial service which preceded the Mass and imparted the final absolution. Interment was at the Dominican plot, Calvary Cemetery.

May he rest in peace!

—B.M.B.