

✠ REV. JOHN C. GILROY, O.P. ✠

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As the Dominican Novices were about to chant the Office of the Dead in the Church of St. Pius, Chicago, Father Gilroy's body was escorted to the sanctuary rail, where he had served his Master for fifty years. Father R. D. Goggins, O.P., celebrated the solemn Mass of Requiem, October 13, 1935, and on the following day another solemn sacrifice ascended before the throne of God from the hands of Father W. A. Marchant, O.P. In Somerset, Ohio, in the parish in which he was ordained, and in which he devoted a number of years to the care of souls, a solemn Mass was also offered for Father Gilroy before burial in the convent cemetery.

Realizing the emptiness of the promises of the world, and responsive to the divine call, "Son, give Me thy heart," John Gilroy at the age of eighteen, a recent emigrant from the green valleys of Enniskillen, entered the Dominican convent of St. Rose in Kentucky. After a thorough drilling in the principles of the religious life and in the required studies, he was ordained to the sacred priesthood by Bishop Watterson on June 19, 1885.

During his long priestly life, Father Gilroy gave his services wholeheartedly to no less than six different parishes in the province. He filled assignments at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City; at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky.; at St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, Ohio; at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio; at St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio; and at St. Pius' Church, Chicago. He was attached to the last-named Church at the time of his fatal accident.

To his relatives both in Ireland and America and to his numerous friends, Dominicana extends its sincere sympathy.

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