

✠ REV. PATRICK BENEDICT DOYLE, O.P. ✠

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On Saturday, November 2, All Soul's Day, God called Father Patrick Benedict Doyle, O.P., to his eternal reward. On Monday afternoon his body was brought to the Chapel of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, where the Fathers and Students mourned his death with the beautiful observances of the Dominican Ritual. Throughout the night his brothers recited the Psalter at the open casket until 9:30 Tuesday morning when the Community chanted the Office of the Dead. Then followed a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated by Very Rev. P. L. Johannsen, O.P., assisted by Very Rev. P. R. Carroll, O.P., and Very Rev. S. R. Brockbank, O.P. Sister M. Loretto of the Sparkill Dominican Sisters, Father Doyle's sister, attended the Mass and the interment, which was held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Washington.

Born in Cherry Valley, Prince Edward Island, Canada, April 5, 1862, Father Doyle was the ninth and last child of Francis and Alice (Dermody) Doyle, both natives of Kilkenny, Ireland. Educated at Prince of Wales College and St. Dunston's College in Canada, he taught school for a number of years before entering the Order of Preachers at St. Rose Priory in Kentucky. Here he received the white habit from Very Rev. William Quinn, O.P., November 16, 1898. He made his profession a year later to Very Rev. R. J. Meaney, O.P., and was ordained by Bishop Henry Moeller, December 20, 1902, in the Chapel of the old Josephinum College, Columbus, Ohio.

With a deep faith and zeal marked by a gift of piety which characterized his whole life to the very end, Father Doyle labored actively for the salvation of souls in the United States for fully twenty-seven years. During his early ministry he taught at St. Patrick's College, Columbus, Ohio (now Aquinas College). After several years of missionary preaching both in the West and East, Father Doyle was elected Subprior of St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1910; appointed pastor of St. Dominic's Church, Denver, Colorado, in 1914; and was elected Subprior of St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Conn., in 1922.

Those who knew Father Doyle intimately certainly testify with confidence to his final assignment from the Divine Master—to dwell for eternity under the mantle of his Heavenly Queen, in union with God and in the company of the Saints.

May he rest in peace!

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