Obituary

+ BROTHER JOSEPH CORCORAN +

On September 14 of this year, at the age of sixty-eight, Brother Joseph Corcoran of our Order and Province, passed on to the eternal world. Irish-born in Tuam, County Galway, he was the youngest of eight children of Martin J. and Nora C. (Walsh) Corcoran. Brother Joseph, then Patrick Joseph Corcoran, attended the National Schools in Ireland and, while still a young man, came to the United States and dwelt in Philadelphia along with Patrick Mullahy, now Brother Dominic Mullahy, O.P., of St. Catherine's Priory, New York.

In the Spring of 1894, Brother Joseph, in the company of Brother Dominic, began his tertianship at St. Dominic's, Washington, D. C. At its completion he was sent to St. Rose, Springfield, Ky., there to make his novitiate. On June 24, 1898, he was professed and then sent to St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York. From this time until his death he was assigned to various convents of the Province: from 1901 to 1905, at Holy Rosary, Minneapolis; from 1905 to 1909, at the House of Studies, Washington; from 1909 to 1910 at St. Mary's, New Haven; and from 1910 until his death, at St. Antoninus, Newark.

His funeral Mass was celebrated by Father W. J. O'Leary, O.P., assisted by Father J. R. Caien, O.P., deacon, and Father A. B. Dionne, O.P., subdeacon. The last absolution was pronounced by the Very Reverend Provincial, T. S. McDermott, O.P., assisted by fifty priests of the Order. The Very Reverend P. A. Maher, O.P., Prior of St. Catherine of Siena, spoke most impressively of the religious character of Brother Joseph as an obedient son of St. Dominic during his life of thirty-nine years in the habit of his Order. Down through these long years of service, Brother Joseph was to all a gentlemanly and kind religious.

He is survived by three sisters, one of whom, Nora T. Corcoran, lives in Philadelphia. The other two, Mary E. Corcoran and Mrs. Kate Daly, are both still in Ireland. To these and to his other relatives and friends we extend our sincere sympathy.