

Once again the Angel of Death thinned the ranks of our Province when Father John Theodore Finnegan, at the age of forty-five years, was summoned to his eternal reward on October 19, 1937.

Born on November 17, 1892, at New Haven, Conn., the son of Patrick and Mary Delaney Finnegan, Father Finnegan pursued his elementary and high school studies in the public schools of his native city. At the age of twenty, he answered the Master's call to the holy Priesthood in the religious life by entering the Order of Preachers at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where, after a year of probation, on September 18, 1913, he made profession into the hands of the Very Rev. F. D. McShane, then Prior at Somerset. After the necessary ecclesiastical studies, Father Finnegan was ordained on May 10, 1918, in the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C.

His nineteen years as a priest were spent in the Dominican parishes at Springfield, Ky., Somerset, O., Jersey City, N. J., New Haven, Conn., Louisville, Ky., Zanesville, O., Denver, Colo., and Minneapolis, Minn. Though at times impeded by ill health Father Finnegan in his humble rôle as an assistant parish priest, endeared himself to the people, whom he guided with the love of the Divine Master either in the confessional or in various parish activities.

Father Finnegan's early death is indeed a loss since it deprives the Church and the people of his sacerdotal ministry, yet, in the eyes of God and His Church, it is not a long life that matters but rather a life well-spent. When death came to Father Finnegan at the Alexian Hospital, Oshkosh, Wis., he was well prepared to meet the Master Whom he had faithfully served on earth.

The obsequies for Father Finnegan were held in the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., and were attended by the entire Community. Very Rev. R. P. O'Brien, Prior of the Convent, was celebrant of the Solemn High Mass, assisted by Rev. J. J. Welsh, as deacon, and Rev. J. S. Considine, as subdeacon. Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Ill., was well represented and many Fathers from distant parishes were at hand to pay a final tribute to their departed brother in St. Dominic.

On November 16, Father Finnegan's remains were transferred from a vault in Mount Carmel Cemetery to the newly acquired Dominican plot in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Ill. Several of the

Fathers accompanied the body to its last resting place and the services at the grave were conducted by the Very Rev. R. P. O'Brien.

To Father Finnegan's cousins, Misses Alice and Sarah Flanagan, who in true Christian love reared the deceased after the early death of his parents, DOMINICANA, in the name of the Fathers, Students, and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province, extends its heartfelt sympathy. May he rest in peace! —H. R.

✠ BROTHER DOMINIC MULLAHY ✠

On October 27, 1937, in the seventieth year of his age, Brother Dominic Mullahy, who for forty years had labored humbly as a Dominican laybrother, was called to his eternal reward. He was born on March 5, 1867, at Gortskehi, County Mayo, Ireland, the fourth of the nine children of Patrick and Mary Crowe Mullahy, receiving the name, Patrick, at Baptism.

Early in life he emigrated to this country and until 1894 lived in Philadelphia. In that year he felt impelled to consecrate his life more fully to God and, along with Patrick Corcoran, another young Irishman living in Philadelphia, he entered upon his tertianship at Saint Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C. The two received the religious habit at Saint Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., on July 12, 1897, and were professed there a year later. Both spent long lives of unselfish service in the lowly ranks God called them to enter. Patrick Corcoran, Brother Joseph, died in September, 1936.

Brother Dominic's funeral Mass was celebrated in Saint Catherine of Sienna's Church, New York City, on October 30. Very Rev. Eugene Murray, O.P., acted as celebrant assisted by the Rev. Edward Holohan, O.P., as deacon, and the Rev. Pius Alger, O.P., as subdeacon. Present at the obsequies were a large gathering of Dominican priests and twenty-five Dominican laybrothers, three of whom were minor ministers at the Mass. The Very Reverend P. A. Maher, O.P., Prior of Saint Catherine's, paid tribute in his eulogy to the zeal and deep religious spirit that animated Brother Dominic during his entire religious life.

Brother Dominic is survived by three brothers and one sister. To them and to his many friends DOMINICANA, in behalf of the Province of Saint Joseph, extends sincere sympathy. —X. S.