

✠ REVEREND FRANCIS DOMINIC McSHANE, O.P. ✠

After a long and painful illness, during which he displayed true Christian fortitude and edifying resignation to God's Holy Will, Father Francis Dominic McShane passed unto eternal rest on Wednesday, February 9, 1938, in the seventieth year of his age and in the fifty-second year of his religious profession.

Father McShane was born in Higginsville, New York, on September 18, 1868, of James and Ann McNally McShane. Receiving his early education in the public schools of New York City, he early heard the call of the Master and in his sixteenth year, at the close of his first year at St. Francis Xavier's College, entered the Dominican Novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, on September 10, 1884. He received the habit of St. Dominic on March 19, 1885. In July of this same year he began his studies at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. His intellectual gifts soon made themselves manifest and while still a deacon his superiors sent him for further studies to Louvain, Belgium, where he was ordained to the priesthood on September 6, 1891. Returning to St. Joseph's in October, 1892, he continued his theological studies and taught philosophy. On October 16, 1895, he received the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology and taught theology, scripture and philosophy at St. Joseph's until the turn of the century.

During his long and fruitful ministry Father McShane was curate at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Connecticut, from October, 1900, to January, 1907, and was vicar of St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, Ohio, from May, 1907, to February, 1908. From 1908 to 1914 he was prior at St. Joseph's. In July, 1914, he was assigned to the faculty of the House of Studies at Washington and for a period of almost twenty-three years taught moral theology, until his last illness forced his retirement at Easter, 1937.

On Friday, February 11, the obsequies were held in Saint Dominic's Church, Washington. Three monsignori, a large gathering of Dominican priests from all parts of Saint Joseph's Province, many secular priests, and representatives of four communities of Dominican Sisters joined the relatives and friends of Father McShane in paying respectful tribute to his memory. The Solemn Mass of Requiem was sung by the Very Rev. J. B.

Walker, prior of the House of Studies in Washington, assisted by the Very Rev. J. W. Owens as deacon and the Rev. H. J. McManus as subdeacon. An impressive eulogy was delivered by the Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, long associated with Father McShane on the teaching staff in Washington. Final absolution was given by the Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, Provincial. Interment took place in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington.

In behalf of the members of Saint Joseph's Province, DOMINICANA extends its most sincere sympathy to the relatives and friends of Father McShane. May he rest in peace!

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✠ **REV. RAYMOND SEBASTIAN GILLESPIE, O.P.** ✠

Word was received on Feb. 9, 1938, of the death in war-torn China, of Father Raymond Sebastian Gillespie. The first member of the Province of Saint Joseph to be called to his eternal reward from the foreign mission fields, Father Gillespie died after a short illness in a hospital at Foochow, in the province of Fukien.

Born on June 10, 1901, at Minneapolis, Minn., the youngest of the nine children of the late James and Anna Elwood Gillespie, Father Gillespie received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of his native city. His senior year of high school was spent at St. Thomas Academy, St. Paul, Minn. Following a year at St. Thomas College, he entered the Dominican novitiate at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, in 1919. On November 14 of the following year he made religious profession into the hands of the Very Rev. J. B. Connolly, prior at St. Joseph's. The years which followed were devoted to the study of philosophy and theology and other ecclesiastical sciences at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. Ordination to the Holy Priesthood came on June 4, 1926, at St. Dominic's Church in Washington. During the same year he received from the Catholic University of America the degree of Bachelor of Canon Law, and in 1927 he was made a Lector of Sacred Theology.

The years of Father Gillespie's active priestly ministry were almost equally divided between the land of his birth and that of his death. He was sent, in August, 1927, to Aquinas College High School in Columbus, Ohio. Here, as Professor of Lan-