

On Nov. 13th, the feast of the Patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas, death summoned Father James Andrew Mackin to his eternal reward.

Father Mackin was born in Marion County, Kentucky, Oct. 20, 1870, the second youngest of the eight children of Michael and Mary Ganon Mackin. His elementary studies were pursued in St. Augustine's Parochial School, Lebanon, Kentucky. On the completion of his higher studies at St. Charles College, Ellicot City, Maryland, he embraced the religious life of a Dominican and received the habit at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, in September, 1897. The following year he made his profession and concluded his philosophical course. In the interim of three years he made his theological studies at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he was ordained on August 21, 1902, by Archbishop Henry Moeller. His early priestly endeavours were spent in the Dominican parish of the Holy Name, Kansas City, Mo., where he remained for three years.

Seasoning experience of life with prayer and study, Father Mackin fashioned his mind for preaching and the salvation of souls. Because of this earnestness, Father Mackin was appointed to the Western Mission Band whose center at that time was Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, Minn. Later he was transferred to the Eastern Band where he labored until he was elected prior and pastor of St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky. On completion of his priorship, Father Mackin returned to the Eastern Mission Band where he toiled unceasingly till his death. The Provincial Chapter of 1926, in recognition of his successful preaching, bestowed upon him the title of Preacher General.

A solemn requiem Mass was celebrated on Nov. 1, in the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City. The Very Rev. J. A. Nowlen, O.P., prior and pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer's, was celebrant, assisted by the Rev. V. R. Burnell, O.P., as deacon, and the Rev. J. E. O'Hearn, O.P., as subdeacon. The Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O.P., superior of the Eastern Mission Band, delivered the eulogy. Preceding the Mass, Office of the Dead was chanted by sixty priests of the Archdiocese of New York and of

the Order of Preachers. The final absolution was given by the Very Rev. J. B. Walker, O.P., prior of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C.

To Father Mackin's two sisters, and to all his relatives and friends, DOMINICANA, in the name of the Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province, extends deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace!  
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✠ **VERY REV. MICHAEL JOSEPH RIPPLE, O.P., P.G.** ✠

On the evening of November 29, at the John Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, Md., after long months of patient suffering, Father Michael Joseph Ripple, former National Director of the Holy Name Society, passed to his eternal reward.

Father Ripple, the second oldest of the eight children of Leonard and Mary Kries Ripple, was born in Baltimore, Md., on October 25, 1875. There he attended grammar and high school at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish. After spending a year at Loyola College, he entered the Dominican Novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., in 1894. Having made his simple profession he went to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he completed his courses in philosophy and theology and was ordained to the priesthood on October 10, 1901, by Archbishop Moeller of Cincinnati.

The first three years of his priestly life he remained at Somerset where he assisted with the editing of the *Rosary* magazine till in October, 1904, he was assigned to the Holy Rosary Convent, Minneapolis, Minn., as a member of the Western mission band. Four years later, August, 1908, he was chosen to go to St. Antoninus Parish in Newark, N. J., to organize the Holy Name work. The following year found him at St. Vincent Ferrer Priory, New York City, where, with Father J. T. McNicholas, now Archbishop of Cincinnati, he began the National Holy Name movement. In January, 1914, he was appointed head of the Southern mission hand and assigned to St. Louis Bertrand Priory, Louisville, Ky. The Provincial Chapter of 1917 conferred on him the degree of Preacher General. Then on September 1, 1918, came his appointment as National Director of the Holy Name Society and National Director of the Third Order, with charge of the Dominican publications of the Province. It is especially in connection with the Holy Name Society that Father Ripple's