

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!
—B. C.

✠ **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

name will always be remembered and revered. Under his inspiring leadership, the Society reached such magnificent proportions that at the National Holy Name Convention held in Washington, D. C., in September, 1924, one hundred thousand men were gathered to honor the Holy Name of Jesus, an event which the press did not hesitate to acclaim the outstanding religious and patriotic demonstration in the history of our land. After twelve years of fruitful labor as Director of the Holy Name Society, Father Ripple was made pastor of the Sacred Heart Parish in Jersey City, N. J., on January 16, 1930, an office which he held until 1936, when illness forced him to relinquish the pastoral work.

After a funeral Mass in Baltimore on Dec. 1, the obsequies were held on the following day in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., in the presence of their Excellencies, the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, D.D., Archbishop of Baltimore, the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., S.T.M., Archbishop of Cincinnati, and the Most Rev. Peter L. Ireton, D.D., Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Richmond. The Rev. Leonard Ripple, brother of the deceased, sang the solemn high Mass, assisted by the Very Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, O.P., S.T.M., as deacon, and the Very Rev. C. C. McGonagle, O.P., as subdeacon. The Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O.P., P.G., classmate of Father Ripple, preached the eulogy. Archbishop Curley gave the final absolution.

To Father Leonard Ripple, Sister Mary Leonard, O.P., and the other brother and sisters of Father Ripple, to all his relatives and friends, DOMINICANA, in the name of the Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province, extends its heartfelt sympathy. May he rest in peace!

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