

✠ REV. JOHN PAUL ROACH, O.P. ✠

Father John Paul Roach was born on March 16, 1870, in the city of Fall River, Mass. His father, Michael Roach, was born in Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland; his mother, in Leeds, England. His parents were married in 1867 in St. Mary's Church, Fall River, Mass. Father Roach began the study of Latin in St. Mary's parochial school and continued it in private while attending high school, no doubt already contemplating entry into the Dominican Order. On October 10, 1892, at the age of twenty-two, Father Roach received the habit of the Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, from the hands of the Very Rev. J. F. Colbert, O.P., Prior. After profession the following year, he pursued his philosophical and theological studies at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. On the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, 1898, Father Roach was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John A. Watterson of the Diocese of Columbus.

Scarcely two years after his ordination, Father Roach was assigned to St. Rose Priory as Pro-Master of Novices, and remained there five years. In 1905 he was assigned to St. Joseph's Priory as Master of Novices. Remaining in this post nearly six more years, Father Roach attained the rare distinction of fulfilling for ten years the difficult office of Master of Novices. In 1911, Father Roach was assigned to St. Thomas Vicariate, Zanesville, Ohio, which was to be the scene of a great part of his priestly labors. In 1924, Father Roach was appointed Vicar of St. Thomas Vicariate, and reappointed in 1928. In 1930, due to extreme ill-health, Father Roach resigned as Vicar. Up to this time Father Roach had received two hundred converts into the Church at Zanesville. His gentleness, patience, and wide range of knowledge caused him to be very well liked by Protestants as well as Catholics.

Still holding on despite his infirmities, Father Roach remained at Zanesville working as best he could until the end. On August 2, Father Roach died at the age of seventy. The Solemn Requiem Mass for Father Roach, which was attended by His Excellency, the Most Rev. J. J. Hartley, Bishop of Columbus, and many Dominican and secular priests, was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. P. Aldridge, O.P., with Rev. W. D. Sullivan,

O.P., and Rev. A. P. Curran, O.P., as Deacon and Subdeacon. The funeral sermon was preached by the Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O.P.

To the sister of Father Roach, Mrs. Thomas C. Kelleher of Fall River, Mass., and to the members of his family, the Province of St. Joseph extends its sincere sympathy. *May he rest in peace!*
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✠ **REV. FRANCIS XAVIER O'NEILL, O.P., Ph.D.** ✠

Father O'Neill was born in the town of Mount Carmel, Ontario, Canada, on September 21 of the year 1877. His parents were John O'Neill and Rose Mulvey, both born in Ireland. Father O'Neill spent his grammar school and high school days in Pipestone, Minnesota, to which town his parents had moved. Later he attended college at St. Mary's, Kansas.

Eventually Father O'Neill determined to enter the Dominican Order. On December 25, 1904, Christmas Day, the future priest made his profession at St. Rose Priory, Kentucky, at the age of twenty-seven. His philosophical and theological studies were completed at St. Rose and at the House of Studies, Washington. On June 24, 1909, Father O'Neill was raised to the priesthood by Bishop Hartley in Washington, D. C. Father O'Neill's first assignment was to Columbus, where he is remembered as the prefect of St. Patrick's High School, later Aquinas College. In 1911, Father O'Neill received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the Catholic University in Washington, the first in the Province of St. Joseph to receive a Doctor's degree from that University.

An authority on education, Father O'Neill wrote under the pen-name of Samuel Sage. After teaching at Aquinas and Providence College, Father O'Neill became a member of the Mission Band, in which work he was characterized by serenity and un-failing good humor. In 1935, Father O'Neill became Prior of St. Mary's, New Haven, Conn. When he died July 6, Father O'Neill was assigned to St. Antoninus Priory, Newark, N. J. While being cared for at St. Mary's Hospital, Orange, N. J., Father O'Neill was a source of edification to the Sisters, doctors and nurses. Throughout his semi-conscious moments, he continued to pronounce the words of absolution and of the Mass. The Solemn Requiem Mass for Father O'Neill was celebrated