

✠ **REV. JAMES HYACINTH MARY FOSTER, O.P., S.T.Lr.** ✠

Father Foster was born on Oct. 9, 1884, at Chappaqua, N. Y., the son of John Foster and Ellen Walsh Foster. James, one of eight children, attended school at Chappaqua and Pleasantville. After spending three years at the college of the Dominican Fathers of the Province of Lyons, France, at Hawthorne, N. Y., he received the habit as a member of the Lyons Province on Sept. 2, 1904, at the Immaculate Conception Priory, Rijckholt, Holland, from the hands of the Very Rev. Hyacinth Cormier, O.P., S.T.M., Master General. At that time the Fathers of the Lyons Province had been exiled from France. There, after his profession, Father Foster studied philosophy and theology. On Aug. 26, 1909, he was ordained in St. Stephen's Church, New York City, by the Most Rev. Thomas F. Cusack, Auxiliary Bishop of New York.

After two years of study at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, and at Rijckholt, Father Foster received the degree of Lector in Sacred Theology. From 1911 until 1913 he taught Apologetics and was sub-Novice Master of the professed students at Rijckholt. In 1913, he was transferred to Holy Rosary Convent Hawthorne, N. Y., and assigned to teach at the American Foreign Mission Seminary (Maryknoll), Ossining, N. Y. During 1915-17, Father Foster taught Sacred Scripture and Apologetics at the House of Studies, Washington, D. C., and then spent a year as assistant at Holy Name Parish, Philadelphia.

Following this he spent eight years at St. Rose Priory as Master of Students, Professor, sub-Prior and Lector Primarius. In 1925, he was assigned to the newly-opened House of Studies at River Forest, where he taught Scripture and Apologetics and was sub-Prior. From 1927 until 1929, Father Foster was Pastor of Holy Innocents', Pleasantville, N. Y., becoming in 1929 Prior of St. Catherine of Siena Priory, New York City. It was during his term of office that the beautiful new church of St. Catherine of Siena was begun and completed. He was assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's New York, before he became Pastor of Holy Name Parish, Kansas City.

During the last four years, Father Foster was Pastor of St. Mary's, Johnson City, Tennessee, whose territory includes twelve counties of upper East Tennessee. He repaired and fitted out old St. Patrick's Church at Greeneville and purchased a house and lot at Elizabethton, remodelling the house as a chapel. Finally, at Kingsport he began St. Dominic's, the town's first Catholic church, now nearly ready for dedication. In addition to this pioneer work, Father

Foster was also chaplain at the Soldiers' Home. This long and useful priestly life was brought to a close on Jan. 23, 1941, due to a heart attack suffered during an operation for cancer of the stomach. Father Owens, a life-long friend, was at hand and administered Extreme Unction. Father Foster was in his fifty-seventh year.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's on Jan. 25 by the Very Rev. J. W. Owens, O.P., with the Rev. Matthew Hanley, O.P., Deacon, and the Rev. M. L. Goldrick, O.P., Subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. A. L. McEneaney, O.P. On Jan. 27, following a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Rose Priory and a sermon by the Rev. F. J. Baeszler, O.P., Father Foster was buried in the community cemetery of St. Rose's.

Those who knew him will agree with these lines in the editorial of the *Johnson City Press* of Jan. 24, 1941: "He was a man of profound learning and deep experience, a pastor who by living example and devotion to the welfare of his people, deserved the trust and leadership he achieved." Wherever he labored, he did much good and was greatly beloved.

To the brothers of Father Foster, Robert, John, Walter, William and Charles Foster, and to his sister, Mrs. Cregier, of New York, the Province of St. Joseph extends sincere sympathy. *May he rest in peace.*
J.R.

✠ REV. FRANCIS HENRY DUGAN, O.P. ✠

Father Dugan was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on Nov. 25, 1875, the son of Daniel Dugan and Mary Osmun Dugan. He attended St. Thomas' grammar and high school and studied under the Dominican Fathers of St. Thomas Parish. On June 12, 1893, he made his profession in the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, in the hands of the Very Rev. F. A. Spencer, O.P., Prior. Father Dugan began his philosophical and theological studies at St. Rose and continued them at St. Joseph's. Ill health, however, obliged him to spend some time at Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, and at St. Dominic's, Denver. On July 6, 1898, he was ordained to the priesthood at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, by the Most Rev. John A. Watterson, D.D., Bishop of Columbus.

Remaining in Denver until 1901 because of ill health, Father Dugan was assigned from 1901 until 1908 to Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, where he was sub-Prior. Between 1908 and 1917 he was stationed at St. Antoninus Priory, Newark; St. Peter's, Mem-