

✠ REV. WALTER PHILIP THAMM, O.P. ✠

On December 7th, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Father Walter Philip Thamm, O.P., was called to his eternal reward. Father Thamm died in Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C., after an illness of about one month's duration.

Father Thamm was born on November 10, 1892 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Julius and Clara Thamm. His grammar school education was obtained at the Annunciation Parochial School in Chicago and his secondary education was pursued at De Paul High School for one year and Cathedral College for three years. He then entered St. Mary's Preparatory Seminary in San Antonio, Texas, where he remained for one year.

In 1912 Father Thamm entered the Dominican Novitiate at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio, and received the habit on September 18. He made his profession to Very Rev. F. D. McShane, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph's. His philosophical and theological studies were pursued at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C. Father Thamm was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 10, 1918 by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of Catholic University. After his ordination he took graduate work at Catholic University.

Father Thamm's first assignment was to Providence College, Providence, R. I., where he became a professor of Biology, a post he held until 1930. He was then sent to Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., where he continued his work as a teacher of biology. Both at Providence College and Fenwick High School, Father Thamm proved himself to be an excellent and amiable professor. In 1931 Father Thamm left the teaching field to enter parish work. During the next eleven years he labored in the following parishes: St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Kentucky; St. Mary's, New Haven, Conn.; St. Antoninus', Newark, N. J.; Holy Name, Philadelphia; St. Dominic's, Youngstown, Ohio; and St. Dominic's, Washington, D. C., where he was stationed at the time of his death. During 1939 and 1940, Father Thamm served as Chaplain of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Metuchen, N. J. During his eleven years in parish work, Father Thamm was the soul of kindness and sympathy, being especially devoted to the poor, the sick and the children.

Father Thamm's funeral was held on Wednesday, December 9, at 10:00 o'clock at St. Dominic's Church, Washington where a Sol-

High Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. J. U. Cahill, O.P. Rev. J. T. Fitzgerald, O.P., acted as Deacon and Rev. J. D. Walsh, O.P., was subdeacon. The Very Rev. Justin McManus, O.P., Prior of St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, a classmate of Father Thamm, preached the eulogy. The students from the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, sang the music for the Mass.

Burial took place in the Dominican Plot in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington, where Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Prior of St. Dominic's read the committal services.

To Father Thamm's mother and sisters Dominicana extends its heartfelt sympathy. May he rest in peace. J.W.D.