On September 3, 1942, the Province of St. Albert the Great suffered the loss of one of its oldest and most respected members by the death of the Reverend William Peter McIntyre, O.P.

Father McIntyre was born on November 20, 1864, in Springfield, Mass., the son of Michael and Elizabeth (McDonough) McIntyre. He received his grammar and high school education in Ottawa, Ill., and then attended the University of Illinois in Champaign. Later, he went to the Northwestern University Law School and Kent College of Law and obtained the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

He had already become an attorney-at-law in Denver, Colo., when his thoughts turned towards the priesthood. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and took his religious vows there on August 17, 1898. Just after that he was sent to St. Joseph’s Priory, Perry County, Ohio, where, in view of his education and age, he was given an intensive course in theology. Bishop Henry Moeller of Columbus, Ohio, ordained him at St. Joseph’s on October 10, 1901.

His first assignment was to Holy Trinity Church, Somerset, Ohio, where he assisted in the publication of the Rosary Magazine. Three years later, he was appointed editor of the magazine and pastor of Holy Trinity Church. These positions he held until 1914, when he became Vice-Rector of Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio. Some months after assuming this post, he was sent to Holy Rosary Church, Minneapolis, Minn., as subprior. In February, 1916, he was appointed chaplain of the National Soldiers’ Home, Johnson City, Tenn., where he remained until 1923 when he was assigned to St. Pius’ Church, Chicago, Ill.

In 1928 came his last assignment—to the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., of which he was subprior for a six-year period, 1929-1935. For the first three years in River Forest, Father McIntyre taught at Rosary College in that suburb. He relinquished this work in 1931 in order to devote his entire efforts to the establishing of St. Vincent Ferrer’s Church in River Forest. From the first small wooden building St. Vincent Ferrer’s grew under his direction to a neatly-designed brick building containing both church and parish school. The last years of his life were centered in St. Vincent Ferrer’s, and he had the satisfaction of seeing the new structure almost completed.

Solemn Requiem Mass was offered Monday, September 7, by
the Very Reverend Peter O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert’s Province. He was assisted by the Very Reverend J. A. Driscoll, O.P., prior of the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, and the Reverend James B. Walker, O.P. The Reverend E. A. Baxter, O.P., a classmate of the deceased, delivered the sermon. Father McIntyre was buried in the Dominican plot in All Saints’ Cemetery, Desplaines, Ill., where the final prayers were said by Father O’Brien.

To Father McIntyre’s brother, to his relatives and friends, Dominicana extends its heartfelt sympathy.

† BROTHER ALAN THOMAS BLAKE, O.P. †

Brother Alan Thomas Blake, O.P., died suddenly on September 12, 1942, at the home of his brother, Joseph, in Baltimore, Md. Although he had been ailing for some time, his death came as a shock, for it was believed he had successfully passed the crisis in his illness.

Born in Baltimore on September 4, 1889, Brother Thomas was the son of James and Ann E. (Mullen) Blake. He was a graduate of St. John’s Parochial School and Loyola High School, Baltimore. After several years in the business world, he sought admission as a lay brother among the Dominicans. He was first received as a tertiary at the House of Studies, Washington, D.C., in 1921. Early in the following year, he was sent to St. Dominic’s Priory in the same city, but before the year had closed, he received his assignment to St. Vincent Ferrer’s Priory, New York.

From May, 1924, to March, 1926, he was a member of the staff of lay brothers at Providence College, Providence, R. I. By this time, he had so proved his stability by his spirit of obedience and exemplary conduct that he was accepted as a lay brother and sent to the House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., where he made his profession on May 8, 1927. Then followed periods of service at St. Joseph’s Priory, Perry County, Ohio, and at St. Vincent Ferrer’s Priory, New York. In 1933 he was once again assigned to Providence College where he was stationed at the time of his death.

Brother Thomas found his true vocation as a lay brother in the Order of Preachers. The painstaking care with which he performed his duties was a source of edification and won for him the respect and affection of a wide circle of friends.

The Reverend Vincent C. Dore, O.P., celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass at Providence College. The Reverend Charles V. Fennell, O.P., served as deacon and the Reverend Ambrose P. Regan,