

✠ REVEREND JOHN JORDAN DWYER, O.P. ✠

Death is not necessarily associated with age; Almighty God calls the young as well as the old. Father John Jordan Dwyer, a young priest of the Province, died on March 5, 1943, in Boston, Massachusetts. His death occasioned wide-spread sorrow among those who knew his kindly disposition and his eagerness to be helpful to others.

John Dwyer was born in South Boston, Massachusetts, on November 12, 1907. His parents, natives of Ireland, were John and Bridget (O'Connell) Dwyer. Almighty God blessed them with eight children, three of whom He called to the religious state, Reverend Daniel F. Dwyer, S.J., Sister Frances Joan, S.N.D., and the late Father Dwyer, O.P. John Dwyer's elementary education, at St. Ann's Parochial School, Neponset, Massachusetts, was completed in 1920 and he entered Boston College High School to prepare for Boston College. After two years of College he received the habit of the Order of Preachers at Saint Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky. He made his profession on August 18, 1929. Completing his novitiate, Brother Jordan undertook the study of Philosophy and Theology in the Dominican Houses of Study at River Forest, Illinois, Somerset, Ohio, and Washington, D. C. The Most Reverend John J. McNamara, D.D., ordained him to the Priesthood in Saint Dominic's Church, Washington, D.C., on June 13, 1935.

A splendid musician and a gifted speaker, Father Dwyer's first assignment was to St. Joseph's in Somerset, as professor of Sacred Eloquence and Plainchant. In 1938 he was transferred to Holy Innocents, Pleasantville, N. Y. where he remained until early in 1942 when he submitted to an operation for the removal of a brain tumor. For many months Father Dwyer was at the point of death, but towards the end of the year his improvement was such that he was dismissed from the hospital and sent to the House of Studies in Washington to rest and complete his recovery. He was visiting his parents in Neponset when the malady struck again. He was taken to the New England Baptist Hospital, Boston, where he died.

A Solemn Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Ann's Church, Neponset, Massachusetts, on March 10 by Reverend Daniel F. Dwyer, S.J., brother of Father Dwyer. Reverend Damian Schneider, O.P., and Reverend John D. Jordan, O.P., assisted as Deacon and Sub-deacon. Reverend William A. Sullivan, O.P., a classmate, was the preacher. The body was taken to the Dominican Plot in Saint Francis' Cemetery, Providence, R. I., where interment took place.

On March 8, a Solemn High Requiem Mass was sung at the

Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., where Father Dwyer was assigned before his death. Reverend Richard T. Murphy, O.P. celebrated the Mass. He was assisted by Reverend James M. Egan, O.P., as Deacon and Reverend James R. Coffey, O.P. as sub-deacon.

Dominicana shares the grief felt by Father Dwyer's parents, his brothers and sisters, relatives and friends.

May he rest in peace!

✠ REVEREND JAMES BENEDICT HEGARTY, O.P., S.T.Lr. ✠

On March 22, 1943, the Province of St. Albert the Great suffered the loss of a splendid missionary, a fervent religious and a zealous priest, in the death of Rev. James Benedict Hegarty, O.P., who died in St. Mary's Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He was born on August 24, 1872 in Lexington, Kentucky, of John and Catherine (Kennedy) Hegarty, natives of Ireland who had come to America and settled in Kentucky. Having completed his elementary and high school training at Saint Paul's, Lexington, he discovered that he had been favored with the gift of a religious vocation. He was admitted to the Dominican Order, and received the Habit at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, on August 14, 1891. A year later he made his profession and went to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, to pursue his philosophical and theological studies. He showed great aptitude and ability for study; hence after his ordination to the priesthood on March 12, 1897, he resumed his studies and received the degree of Lector in Sacred Theology on June 28, 1899.

Father Hegarty's first assignment was to St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tennessee, where he remained until 1902, when he went to St. Antoninus' parish, Newark, New Jersey. In 1904 he was transferred to St. Rose Prior in his native Kentucky, where he worked until 1906, when he was sent to St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D. C. His health failing, he was sent to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, to rest. In 1909 he was assigned to Holy Rosary, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was placed on the Missionary Band. For thirteen years he was actively engaged in the Apostolate, until he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio, which office he held for two terms. Late in 1928 he was sent to Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Missouri, remaining there for two years, after which he resumed his missionary work in Minneapolis.