

✠ VERY REV. FRANCIS GABRIEL HORN, O.P., S.T.M. ✠

The Very Rev. Francis Gabriel Horn, O.P., S.T.M., first Rector of the Collegio Angelico in Rome, died in the Benedictine Hospital at Kingston, N.Y., on the evening of August 3, after a brief illness.

Father Horn, son of Francis G. and Johanna (Elward) Horn, was born on October 21, 1873 in Peru, Ind. Later he moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he received his early training and was graduated from St. James Academy. In September 1893 he entered the Dominican novitiate at Springfield, Ky. where he was professed on January 15, 1895. Following the completion of his philosophical studies at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, Father Horn was sent to the Dominican College of the Minerva in Rome. He was ordained in the Eternal City on July 10, 1898. Four years later he was awarded the degree, Lector in Sacred Theology.

Father Horn's pre-eminent abilities prompted his superiors to retain him in Rome where for many years he was to make valuable contributions to the advancement of both the Church and the Order. His intellectual brilliance and solid piety brought him to the special notice of the then Master General, the Most Rev. Hyacinth Cormier, O.P., with whom he remained closely associated until the latter's death. Father Horn was assigned by the General to the Leonine Commission which prepared the definitive Latin edition of the works of St. Thomas Aquinas. In 1908 he was chosen as English-speaking Associate to the Master General, and two years later he was accorded the rank of titular Provincial of Lithuania and was awarded the degree, Master of Sacred Theology. When the International Pontifical college "Angelico" was founded in 1910, he became its first rector and served in this capacity until 1913. Re-elected in 1919, he was Prior and Rector until 1926.

In 1917 Father Horn accompanied Father Cormier's successor, the Most Rev. Louis Theissling, O.P., on the General's visitation of Dominican missions in the Far East and Central and South America. He was likewise sent as a special visitor on a South American mission in 1933.

Father Horn returned to the United States in 1929 and for a brief time served as chaplain of the Dominican Nuns in Camden, N. J. Since 1930 he has been chaplain of St. Agnes Convent in Sparkill, N. Y.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for the repose of his soul at St. Agnes Convent, Sparkill, N. Y., on August 5 by Rev.

Peter Nash, O.P. Very Rev. J. B. Reese, O.P., assisted as deacon and Rev. P. A. Skehan, O.P., as sub-deacon. The body was then taken to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York City, where on the following day Rev. J. J. Sullivan, O.P., a cousin, celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass. He was assisted by Rev. P. A. Skehan, O.P., and Rev. P. C. Skehan, O.P., also cousins of Father Horn, as deacon and sub-deacon. The Very Rev. Arthur L. McMahon, O.P., S.T.M., preached the eulogy. Interment took place in the Dominican Fathers' plot, All Souls Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y. Rev. John J. Mahon, a life-long friend of the deceased, imparted the absolution.

*Dominicana* offers its sincere condolences to Father Horn's brother, relatives and friends.