



Province of the Holy Name

The Province of the Holy Name announces with deep regret the death of two of its members, both of whom passed away during terms as Priors—Very Reverend Joseph Gregory Rourke, O.P., and Very Reverend Francis Andrew Pope, O.P.

Father Rourke was born June 20, 1870 in San Francisco. On December 7, 1886 he entered the Order of Preachers. He received Holy Orders at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, on April 25, 1894. Throughout his active ministry he served many terms as pastor: at Holy Rosary, Antioch; St. Rose's, Crockett; St. Vincent Ferrer's, Vallejo; St. Peter Martyr's, Pittsburg. He served one term as Prior in Benicia, and was in his second term as Prior at the Immaculate Conception Convent, in Ross, when death called him from his work. A Requiem Mass was sung for him at St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco, by the Very Reverend Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Provincial. His Excellency, Archbishop John J. Mitty, of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, attended, and Reverend Thomas H. McElhatton, O.P., delivered the eulogy.

Father Pope was born in Ennismore, Ontario, Canada, March 13, 1884. He was received into the Order of Preachers on January 14, 1914, and ordained in the chapel of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., June 12, 1921, by the Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, O.P. He received his Master of Arts degree from the Catholic University of America and the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington. During his many years of work in the Province of the Holy Name, he held, among other offices, the position of Prior and pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Portland, and Prior and pastor of St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco. At the time of his death he was Prior and pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church in Seattle. Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was sung by the Very Reverend Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Provincial, with Bishop Connolly, auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, attending. The Very Reverend Anthony Healy, O.P., preached the sermon.

May their souls rest in peace.