Obituaries

+ THE REVEREND FRANCIS JOHN TWOHIG, O.P. +

The Reverend Francis J. Twohig, O.P., died on June 16, at St. Joseph’s Infirmary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Born at North Adams, Massachusetts, on March 28, 1867, the son of Michael and Mary Twohig, Father Twohig received his primary education at the public school in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, and his secondary education from the Christian Brothers at La Salle Academy, Providence, Rhode Island. He began his novitiate with the reception of the habit at St. Rose’s Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, on November 21, 1889, made his profession at the same convent on November 25, 1890, and completed his philosophical and theological studies at St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio. On March 7, 1895, Father Twohig was ordained to the priesthood at St. Joseph’s Church, Somerset, by the Most Reverend John A. Watterson, D.D.

After serving at St. Peter’s Church, Memphis, Holy Trinity Church, Somerset, and Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Mo., Father Twohig went to administer to the needs of the diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In 1914, he was assigned to Holy Rosary Church, Portland, Oregon. This was followed by an assignment at St. Antoninus’ Church at Newark, New Jersey. In 1919 he was made the chaplain for the Maryknoll Sisters at the Convent of the Holy Rosary, Hawthorne, New York. After further parochial work at St. Patrick’s Church, Columbus, Ohio, and at St. Joseph’s Church in Somerset, he became the military chaplain for the United States National Sanitorium at Johnson City, Tennessee. Since 1928, his activity was devoted to the parishes of St. Joseph’s Church, Somerset, and of St. Rose’s Church, Springfield, Kentucky. He was assigned to the latter priory when he died.

The Reverend A. L. McEneaney, O.P., celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass on June 19 at St. Rose’s Church. He was assisted by the Reverend J. H. Mulcahy, O.P., as deacon, and the Reverend George V. Holl, O.P., as subdeacon. The Very Reverend John A. Foley, O.P., Prior of St. Louis Bertrand’s Priory, Louisville, Kentucky, preached the eulogy. Father Twohig was buried in St. Rose’s Cemetery.

Dominicana joins in mourning the passing of Father Twohig, and extends sincerest sympathy to his family and friends.