

trand's, Louisville, Ky. During various periods he held chaplaincies at St. Catherine's Convent, Springfield, Ky.; Soldier's Home, Johnson City, Tenn., and St. Clara's Convent, Sinsinawa, Wis. Father Murray had been in ill health for the past ten years and during that time resided at St. Pius', Chicago, and the House of Studies except for a brief stay at St. Anthony's Priory, New Orleans, La.

The Solemn Requiem funeral Mass was celebrated on April 6, by the Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., Provincial. The Very Rev. J. E. Marr, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies was Deacon and the Rev. G. R. Joubert, O.P., Subdeacon. The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. A. Wynn, O.P., for fifty-five years a close friend of Father Murray. Burial was in the Dominican plot of All Saints cemetery, Des Plaines, Ill.

Dominicana extends its sincerest sympathy to his nephew, Rev. Aquinas Knoff, Union City, Ind.

May his soul rest in peace!

THE REVEREND

✠ EDWARD LAWRENCE VAN BECELAERE, O.P., S.T.Lr. ✠

The Rev. Edward Lawrence van Becelaere, O.P., S.T.Lr., died April 12, 1946, at Mercy Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa.

Father van Becelaere was born on November 24, 1872, near Courtaî, Belgium. His mother was the daughter of a Bavarian lawyer and granddaughter of a Polish Galician nobleman. She had been a teacher in the Ascher Institute of Education, Munich. His father was professor of modern languages in the Catholic University of Lille, France, and in various other institutions, including the Jesuit college of Lille, and of St. Jean, Douai. Educated in the Jesuit college at Lille, Father van Becelaere entered the Dominican novitiate of the province of France at Amiens in 1888, and after profession in 1889, he was sent to the Order's house of studies, Corbara, at Ajaccio, Corsica. On March 24, 1895, Father van Becelaere was ordained in the private chapel of the bishop, Monsignor Paul M. de la Foata, a dispensation being necessary because of his age. With ordination came the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology.

Assigned to the Dominican house of studies at St. Hyacinth, Canada, he remained three years as professor of philosophy and Hebrew, but, because of illness, was forced to return to Europe and was sent to Jerusalem for five months convalescence, where he studied

under Pere M. J. Lagrange. Back in Paris, he remained a year as chaplain at the St. Dominic's school for boys, and studied oriental languages at the Sorbonne. In 1901 he returned to Canada, where an independent province of the order had recently been established, to fill a three-year assignment in the Dominican house of studies at Ottawa, where he was an instructor in moral theology, scripture, Hebrew and Church history. Father van Becelaere's spiritual activities in the United States began in 1904, with a long chaplaincy at Visitation Convent, Covington, Ky., followed by a pastorate at White Sulphur, Ky. He affiliated with the Dominican province of St. Joseph in 1926, and spent a year at St. Rose, Ky., after which he served in the parishes at Detroit and Memphis. He wrote *La Philosophie en America*, published in New York in 1903, and contributed many articles and book reviews to various Catholic reviews and encyclopedias. Since 1933 Father van Becelaere had been assistant chaplain at St. Clara Convent, and taught religion and church history.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., Provincial, in St. Clara Chapel on April 15, assisted by Rev. J. B. Connolly, O.P., Chaplain at St. Clara, and the Rev. J. N. Walsh, O.P. On the following morning, April 16, the funeral services were held at Blessed Sacrament Church, Madison, Wis. The Very Rev. Provincial celebrated a Solemn Requiem Mass with the Rev. E. S. Murray, O.P., deacon, and the Rev. J. B. Schneider, O.P., sub-deacon. The Rev. R. W. Mulvey, O.P., preached the eulogy. Burial was in the Dominican plot in Calvary Cemetery, Madison. May his soul rest in peace!

✠ THE VERY REVEREND JOHN SEBASTIAN OWENS, O.P. ✠

The Very Reverend John Sebastian Owens, O.P., Prior of the College of St. Albert the Great, Oakland, California, passed away quietly on the morning of Palm Sunday, April 14, 1946. A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated April 17 in St. Dominic's Church, San Francisco by the Very Reverend Benedict M. Blank, O.P., Provincial, in the presence of His Excellency, the Most Reverend John J. Mitty, D.D., Archbishop of San Francisco. The Very Reverend Patrick J. Kelly, O.P., Sub-prior of St. Albert's College, was deacon and the Reverend Peter Curran, O.P., of the House of Studies, was sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by the Very Reverend Kevin Meagher, O.P. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Archbishop gave the final