

✠ THE VERY REVEREND ROSCOE F. LARPENTEUR, O.P. ✠

The Very Reverend Roscoe Francis Larpenteur asked to receive the Sacrament of Extreme Unction on the morning of April 27th, and about fifteen minutes later breathed forth his soul to God, just as the prayers for the dying were finished. He had been a priest in the Dominican Order for nearly fifty-two years, during the last two of which he was stricken with illness. He was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on December 13th, 1872, had the distinction of being the first aspirant to the priesthood from that city, and was destined, in God's Providence, to die there in Holy Rosary Priory.

Father Larpenteur was the third of the nine children of Charles and Clarinda (Lajeunesse) Larpenteur, of Minneapolis, Minn. After receiving grammar and high school education in country schools near Minneapolis, he went to study in St. Thomas' Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., in the first year that it opened. He spent only a short time there, before he entered the Dominican Order in St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where he was solemnly professed a year later, on November 21st, 1889. After three years of philosophy and a year of theology in St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, he was sent to the Dominican Studium in Louvain, Belgium, and was ordained there in St. Ignatius' Church on September 8th, 1895, by Bishop Joseph van Reeth, first Bishop of Galle, Ceylon. Two years later, in June, 1897, he was promoted to the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology, and returned to this country to teach philosophy in St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, for the next three years.

He was pastor and superior at Holy Name Church, Kansas City, Mo., until 1902, when he went to St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, as prior and professor of philosophy. At the close of his term of office here, he went to St. Patrick's Church, Columbus, Ohio, for a year as pastor and superior, before receiving his assignment to Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, Minn., which became the headquarters for his work on the western mission band. He was stationed here from 1906 until 1918, and during this time filled the office of Subprior for two separate terms. Between 1918 and 1926 he was pastor and superior at St. Dominic's, Denver, Colorado, where he built the present beautiful church and rectory. Then he spent two years at St. Dominic's, San Francisco, Calif., working on missions in the far west. In 1928 he returned to Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, Minn., to work on near-northwestern mission bands until the end of his apostolic life. In 1944 the Order conferred on him the title of Preacher

General, in recognition of his zealous missionary labours for the salvation of souls.

Holy Rosary Church was crowded for the Solemn Requiem Mass, which was offered for him on April 30th by the Very Reverend Peter O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert's Province, with the Very Reverend John R. Kelleher, O.P., Prior of Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, Minn., as Deacon, and the Very Reverend William Marrin, O.P., Prior of St. Vincent Ferrer's, New York, as Subdeacon. The Very Reverend W. R. Lawler, O.P., P.G., preached the panegyric to the large congregation, which included about 75 priests and Monsignori. Burial took place in the Dominican plot in St. Mary's Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minn.

In the name of all the members of St. Joseph's Province, we offer deepest sympathy to Father Larpenteur's relatives and friends, and pray that God may give his soul eternal rest.

✠ THE REVEREND FRANCIS D. ALWAISE, O.P. ✠

The Reverend Francis Dominic Alwaise, O.P., a native of Troy, N. Y., died in Troy Hospital on June 16th after a brief illness, while on a vacation visit with his family.

He was born at Troy, N. Y., on July 14, 1895, the second-last of the seven children that God gave to Frederick Douglas and Anna (Farmer) Alwaise. After graduating from grammar school at St. Peter's Academy, Troy, N. Y., he went for his higher studies to Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio, and Providence College, Providence, R. I. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., receiving the habit from the Very Reverend James Aldridge, O.P. At the end of his novitiate he made profession into the hands of Father Aldridge, and began a course of philosophy at the House of Studies, River Forest, Ill., which he completed in St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. He was then sent to the House of Studies, Washington, D. C., to follow a course of theology prior to his ordination to the priesthood on June 13, 1935, in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., by the Most Reverend John M. McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore.

He began his ministry in 1936 as assistant priest at Holy Rosary Priory, Minneapolis, Minn. In 1940 he was assigned, in the same capacity, to St. Thomas' Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and a year later transferred to Holy Name Church, Valhalla, N. Y. From here he went to Sacred Heart Priory, Jersey City, N. J., and later to St. An-