

Believing himself to be called by God to work for the salvation of souls in the Dominican Order, he entered the novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., where he received the habit from the late Very Rev. R. J. Meaney, O.P., on October 23, 1900. After making profession into the hands of this same prelate on November 1 of the following year, he began his course of studies for the priesthood in St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. In 1905 he was sent to the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., to continue the course. He was ordained priest by Cardinal Gibbons in Baltimore Cathedral, on June 21, 1907, and remained in Washington for a year to finish his studies.

In September, 1908, Father Cowan began his ministry at St. Antoninus', Newark, N. J. In the following February he was assigned to St. Dominic's, Washington, D. C., where he did his selfless stint for the salvation of souls until the day of his death. In 1913 he was appointed subprior and held that position for twenty-two years. For most of that period he was also procurator of the house. He served St. Dominic's parish for over thirty-seven years, his entire priestly lifetime, save for a few months, a remarkably long station for a religious priest in parish work.

The obsequies were held in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., on October 9, 1947, in the presence of the Most Reverend Lawrence J. Shehan, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore and Washington. The celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. P. A. Maher, O.P.; the deacon, the Rev. R. H. Dewdney, O.P.; and the subdeacon, the Very Rev. J. L. Finnerty, O.P. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. W. P. Doane, O.P., and the Mass was sung by the students from the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington, D. C., where the prior of St. Dominic's, the Very Rev. B. P. Shaffer, O.P., imparted the final absolution.

*Dominicana*, in the name of the Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province, offers deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of Father Cowan.

✠ THE REVEREND JAMES ANDREW O'DONNELL, O.P. ✠

The Reverend James Andrew O'Donnell, O.P., died suddenly on October 2, 1947, at St. Pius Priory, Chicago, Ill. Father O'Donnell was stricken while preparing to leave for a nearby parish where he was conducting a novena. He was 46 years of age.

A native of Minneapolis, Father O'Donnell was born on October 5, 1900, the son of Patrick and Nellie (Scanlon) O'Donnell. He was educated at De La Salle Institute and St. Thomas College in that city and later attended St. Paul Seminary. He entered the novitiate of St. Joseph's Province in 1923 and was professed on September 25, 1924. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 21, 1928.

After postgraduate studies at Catholic University and Manhattan College, New York, he taught at Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio. Before coming to Chicago he was assistant pastor at St. Dominic's, Detroit, and St. Albert the Great Church, Minneapolis, and later was assigned to the Northwest mission band. For the past five years he was superior of the Chicago mission band of St. Albert's Province and was stationed at St. Pius' Priory.

The Very Rev. Peter O'Brien, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert's Province, was celebrant of the funeral Mass at St. Pius Church on October 6. He was assisted by the Rev. John Piec, O.P., and the Rev. Thomas Dolan, O.P. The sermon was delivered by the Very Rev. Edward L. Hughes, O.P., Prior of St. Pius, who accompanied the body for further services in Holy Rosary Church, Minneapolis.

Survivors include two brothers, Patrick and Robert, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Greene. To these and other relatives and friends of Father O'Donnell, *Dominicana*, in behalf of the members of the Provinces of St. Joseph and St. Albert, extends sympathy and prays the mercy of God on his soul.