THE REVEREND JOHN ANTHONY MURTAUGH, O.P.


A native of Chicago, Father Murtaugh was born on April 13, 1903, the son of John A. and the late Agnes Casey Murtaugh. He received his early education at Visitation School and Quigley Preparatory Seminary in that city. He entered the novitiate at St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio, on August 25, 1923, and was professed on August 27, 1924. He completed his philosophy course at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, and made his theological studies in Washington, where he was ordained on June 16, 1930 by the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, D.D., Archbishop of Baltimore-Washington. He later did postgraduate work at Catholic and DePaul Universities.

His first assignment was to St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D.C. In September, 1932, he was assigned to Fenwick High School where he labored throughout the remainder of his priestly life.

The Very Reverend 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. J. A. Driscoll, O.P., and the Rev. T. G. Kinsella, O.P. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. B. B. Meyers, O.P., an associate of Father Murtaugh on the staff of Fenwick High School.

Survivors include his father and two sisters, Mae and Rose Murtaugh. To these and other relatives and friends of Father Murtaugh, Dominicana extends sympathy.