

✠ THE REVEREND BERNARD FRANCIS GORMAN, O.P. ✠

On Christmas day, 1949, Father Gorman died in Campbell's Clinic, Memphis, Tennessee, after a short illness. The people of that city hailed his death as a sacrifice for the souls in his care, for he was injured by a mentally deranged man whom he was attempting to comfort and console.

Born in St. Dominic's parish, Washington, D. C., October 24, 1891, he was one of the four children of Timothy J. and Catherine (Corrigan) Gorman. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Washington; his high school training at Gonzaga College, also in Washington. After attending Georgetown College, he entered the Order of Preachers, receiving the habit at St. Joseph's Priory on September 1, 1911. Pronouncing his simple vows on September 16, 1912, he was then sent to the House of Studies in Washington, where he completed his philosophical and theological studies. In the chapel of the house, Father Gorman was ordained on June 15, 1917, by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, D.D., then rector of the Catholic University.

He began his priestly career by ministering to the Army post at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Thereafter he was assigned as professor of mathematics and English at Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, from 1918 to 1920. The following three years he acted as secretary to the Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O.P. In June, 1920, he was appointed pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Houston, Texas. From January, 1927 to March, 1933, he filled the office of prior at St. Louis Bertrand Priory, Louisville, Kentucky, where his zeal for the poor during the days of the depression brought to that church the title, "Home of the Poor." After a brief assignment in 1933 to Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Father Gorman received his last appointment—to St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tennessee. After laboring there as assistant pastor, he himself was made pastor in August, 1946.

After a life of compassion and mercy, culminating in the mission that was his last, it was fitting that the last sounds Father Gorman heard in this world, were the strains of *Salve Regina*, sung by two of his brethren, commending him to the Mother of Mercy.

At St. Peter's Church, the Most Rev. William L. Adrian, D.D., Bishop of Nashville, paid tribute to Father Gorman's heroic death by celebrating a Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem, on December 28, 1948. Assisting His Excellency were the Right Rev. Monsignori Louis J. Kemphues, Diocesan Dean, and Merlin F. Kearney, Pastor

of Immaculate Conception Church in Memphis. Father Gorman's remains were then transferred to the parish of his baptism, St. Dominic's in Washington. There on December 30, a Solemn Mass of Requiem, attended by scores of his brethren, was celebrated. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. John F. McCadden, O.P.; Very Rev. Leo L. Farrell, O.P., was deacon and Rev. George Holl, O.P., assistant pastor of St. Peter's, subdeacon. The Most Rev. John M. McNamara, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, presided. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. H. I. Smith, O.P. Fathers McCadden and Holl, who had administered the last rites, also conducted the final absolution.

Father Gorman's truly priestly death softens the loss of his zealous service to St. Joseph's Province. *May he rest in peace!*

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✠ THE REV. BENJAMIN BERNARDINE MYERS, O.P., S.T.Lr. ✠

The Reverend Benjamin Bernardine Myers, O.P., S.T.Lr., died on January 11, 1949, at Oak Park Hospital after an illness of several months.

Father Myers was born on August 9, 1897, in Evanston, Ill., the son of Charles A. and Mary Currier Myers. He received his elementary education at St. Mary's School, Evanston, and attended the Evanston Township High School and De Paul Academy in Chicago. He made profession in the Order on September 16, 1917, and was ordained on June 18, 1924. His college training was received before ordination at the Catholic University. He later attended De Paul University, Chicago.

After serving one year at St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, Ohio, Father Myers began his career in secondary educational work at Aquinas High School in Columbus, where he taught from 1926 until 1933 and held the position of Rector 1930 to 1933. Since that time he had been stationed at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Ill. He was president of the secondary school department of the National Catholic Education Association and a member of the commission on life adjustment education for youth of the United States Office of Education. For the past few years he had been Dean of Studies at Fenwick.

The Very Reverend Edward L. Hughes, O.P., S.T.Lr., Provincial of St. Albert's Province, was celebrant of a Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Pius Church on January 14.

*Dominicana* extends sympathy to the relatives and friends of Father Myers.