

all his energies, laboring devotedly and with marked success, until the ravages of his final illness brought an end to his activities in December, 1948.

Father O'Connor was renowned as an accomplished musician. He applied his talents to the composition of several hymns widely used among Dominicans.

On June 10, in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., the funeral rites for Father O'Connor were held. The Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. J. C. Kearney, O.P., assisted by the Rev. J. N. Walsh, O.P., Master of Novices for the Province of St. Albert the Great, as deacon, and the Very Rev. R. M. McDermott, O.P., Prior of Holy Name Priory, Philadelphia, as subdeacon. The Rev. E. M. Hanley, O.P., delivered the eulogy. Presiding at the Mass was the Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, who also conducted the final absolution. In attendance, besides the family of Father O'Connor, were many priests, diocesan and religious, sisters and friends.

To the father and family of Father O'Connor *Dominicana* extends prayerful sympathy. *May he rest in peace.*

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The funeral of Father Vosté was held on Feb. 26 of this year in the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva, Rome. At the Mass, celebrated by the Most Reverend Emmanuel Suarez, O.P., Master General, were present dignitaries of every rank, including Their Eminences, Cardinals Tisserant and Pizzardo. Several times during his last illness, Father Vosté received the blessing of the Holy Father; the Most Reverend Master General administered the last sacraments.

The long and fruitful career of Fr. Vosté began when in 1911, having completed his studies at the Biblical School at St. Stephen's, Jerusalem, under Père Joseph Marie Lagrange, O.P., he received the Licentiate in Sacred Scripture before the Pontifical Biblical Commission. It ended with his name a recognized authority among contemporary Scripture scholars. For thirty-five years, until 1946, he filled the professorship of New Testament exegesis at the Angelicum. His teaching manner was characterized as well by clarity and vivacity

of presentation as by utility of the matter presented.

His long years of study and teaching, along with extensive Oriental travel, bore fruit in the vast treasure of his Scriptural writings. Commentaries, exegetical treatises, works in biblical theology, continued contributions to learned journals, these are the testimony to Father Vosté's unflagging labor. Especially interesting to the Dominican are his monographs on the Exegesis of St. Thomas, St. Albert, Bl. Innocent V (Peter of Tarentasia) and Cardinal Cajetan. To America he is well-known through his contributions to the "Homiletic and Pastoral Review" and to the "American Ecclesiastical Review," as well as through an extended American lecture tour in 1946.

Perhaps the best witness to the merits of Father Vosté's career are the ecclesiastical positions of responsibility entrusted to him. He is best known as the Secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, an office in which he labored diligently, applying his vast knowledge and tireless energies to its cares. He was especially active in promoting the work of the new Latin translation of Sacred Scripture. In addition he was a consultant of the Sacred Congregations of the Oriental Church and of Seminary and University Studies.

Father Vosté's death marks the end of a fruitful career. Certainly his was a life of devoted service to his Order, to the Church, and thus to God. *May he rest in peace.*