

✠ THE REVEREND GEORGE INNOCENT SMITH, O.P. ✠

Father Smith died on June 20, 1950, at San Antonio Hospital, Kenton, Ohio, the victim of a tragic highway accident.

Born on September 18, 1894, in Newark, New Jersey, he was the fifth of the eight children of Michael Henry and Maria Loretta (Gaskin) Smith. His early education was acquired at St. Antoninus' School and at Barringer High School in Newark. After attending New York University, he entered the Order of Preachers, receiving the habit at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, on September 15, 1914. Pronouncing his vows on September 16, 1915, he was sent to the House of Studies in Washington, D. C., where he completed his philosophical and theological studies. Father Smith was ordained in the chapel of the House of Studies on June 12, 1921, by the Most Reverend John T. McNicholas, O.P., Bishop of Duluth, Minn., and later Archbishop of Cincinnati. One year after his ordination, Father Smith received the degree of Lector in Sacred Theology at the House of Studies in Washington.

In 1922, Father Smith was assigned to Providence College, Providence, R. I., where he taught until his appointment as president of Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio, in 1933. From 1930 to 1933, he had also served as treasurer of Providence College. Father Smith was sent to Yale University, New Haven, Conn., in 1938, to study civil engineering and received the degree of Bachelor of Engineering there in 1940. He taught surveying at Yale until 1941, when he was assigned to the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, as professor of civil engineering, a position he maintained until his death.

At St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., on June 24, 1950, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. J. R. Smith, O.P., a brother of the deceased. Another brother, the Rev. H. I. Smith, O.P., was deacon, and the Rev. H. A. Burke, O.P., subdeacon. The Very Rev. W. M. Conlon, O.P., Prior of the House of Studies in Washington, preached the eulogy. In addition to the many Dominican and diocesan priests and the several monsignori, the Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, the Most Rev. John M. McNamara, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, the Most Rev. Edward C. Daly, O.P., Bishop of Des Moines, Iowa, and Bishop-elect Patrick J. McCormick of Washington, assisted at the Mass. The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., Provincial, was also in attendance. Archbishop O'Boyle conducted the

final absolution and the burial was in the Dominican plot in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

*Dominicana* extends sincere sympathy to the brothers, sister, relatives, and friends of Father Smith. *May he rest in peace.*



✠ THE REVEREND JOHN JEROME DURKIN, O.P. ✠

Father Durkin died suddenly at St. Joseph's Convent of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, Bronx, N. Y., on July 1, 1950.

Born in Brantford, Ontario, on November 30, 1869, Father Durkin was one of ten children. He was educated in St. Mary's and St. Peter's Schools in London, Ontario. After high school at London Collegiate, his aspirations toward the priesthood led him to St. Jerome's College in Kitchener, Ontario, where he completed his philosophical studies. After attending the Grand Seminary at Montreal for a time, he entered the Order of Preachers, which had already received four of his first cousins into its ranks. At St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., he received the habit in January, 1895. After simple profession on January 15, 1896, he went first to St. Joseph's Priory, then, because of ill health, to Holy Rosary Parish in Minneapolis to complete his theological studies privately.

His ordination at the hands of the Most Rev. John A. Watterson, Bishop of Columbus, Ohio, took place on March 7, 1899, in the cathedral at Columbus. First assigned to St. Peter's Parish, Memphis, Tennessee, Father Durkin in 1902 took up his work at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church in New York City. Here he remained until 1924, doing outstanding work in the advancement of the fine parochial and Sunday schools already established there.

In 1918, he was assigned to the Eastern Mission Band. From 1926 until 1930, he assisted in the parish work at Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, as well as occasionally sharing in the work of the Mission Band. The years from 1930-1938, spent at St. Dominic's in Washington, were devoted to the same type of labor. Finally, in 1938, after the strenuous task of preaching and the parish ministry, Father Durkin was given the less arduous assignment of chaplain to the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, St. Joseph's Convent, New York. Here he spent the remainder of his holy life.

At St. Vincent Ferrer's Church in New York City, on July 6,