

**THE VERY REVEREND NICHOLAS GILES RUTOLO, O.P., P.G.**

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Father Rutolo died suddenly at St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in New York City on November 2nd.

Born in Chieti, Italy, on July 20th, 1890, Father Rutolo entered the Dominican Order in 1912 and made his profession the following year for the Province of Lombardy. He was ordained in 1922, and after six years of labor in his native country he came to the United States to assist in the work among his countrymen. For his unceasing work on the Italian missions he was awarded the degree of Preacher General, and in 1938 was made an Honorary Commander of the Order of the Holy Sepulcher.

Although he had lived in this country for many years, Father Rutolo never forgot his relatives and friends in Italy. During the war years he sent food and clothing to those who had been afflicted with the scourge that war brings in its wake. Even at the time of his death he was preparing to send clothing to a poor Italian family whose son was studying for the priesthood.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer on November 5th. The Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Prior and Pastor of St. Vincent's, was celebrant and was assisted by Rev. Charles Alheid, O.P., as Deacon and Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P., as Subdeacon. The eulogy was delivered by the Very Rev. H. C. Boyd, O.P., P.G. The Reverends E. M. Casey, O.P., and W. F. Kopfman, O.P., served as acolytes. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery at Pleasantville, N. Y., where Father Marrin read the prayers at the grave.

To Father Rutolo's mother, brothers and sisters, *Dominicana* offers heartfelt condolences. May he rest in peace.

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**THE VERY REVEREND MATTHEW L. HEAGEN, O.P.**

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The Very Rev. Matthew L. Heagen, O.P., S.T.Lr., Ex-Provincial of our province, died on September 22nd.

Father Heagen was born on October 5th, 1871, and entered the Dominican Order as a novice at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, at the age of seventeen. After making his Profession on April

6th, 1889, Father Heagen went to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he made his philosophical studies. Recognizing the talent of the young student, his superiors sent him to the Dominican College at Louvain, Belgium, where he completed his studies for the priesthood, being ordained on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady in 1895. He received the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology the following year and then returned to this country where he taught Philosophy in our Dominican Studia until 1903. From 1903 to 1907 he served as Superior of St. Mary's Priory, New Haven, Conn., and St. Patrick's Parish, Columbus, Ohio. In 1908 he was elected Prior of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, and the following year at the Provincial Chapter was elected Provincial of St. Joseph's Province.

When Father Heagen's term as Provincial ended he served with the Eastern Mission Band, and from 1922 until 1932 he acted as Chaplain to the Dominican Sisters at Mary Immaculate College at Ossining, N. Y. From that time he served as Head of the Eastern Retreat Band, making his headquarters at Holy Name Church, Valhalla, N. Y.

In all his work Father Heagen coupled a complete Dominican spirit with an energy that was seemingly inexhaustible. As a professor he was brilliant, yet understanding of all the students' difficulties. During his term as Provincial, St. Joseph's Province acquired St. Raymond's Church, Providence, R. I., Holy Name Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and Holy Rosary Church, Houston, Texas. It was also during his tenure of office that the convents of St. Mary's Church, New Haven, St. Catherine's N. Y., and St. Antoninus, Newark, N. J., were raised to the status of Priors.

A Solemn Funeral Mass was celebrated for Father Heagen at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer on September 26th. The Very Rev. V. R. Burnell, O.P., P.G., was celebrant, the Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Deacon, and the Very Rev. D. L. Shannon, O.P., Subdeacon. The eulogy was delivered by the Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O.P., P.G. The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, O.P., S.T.Lr., present provincial, was seated in the sanctuary.