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arine’s Convent. Present in the choir was the Right Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Newman, of St. Helen’s Church, Louisville, and a good representation of local clergy. Interment took place in the community cemetery at St. Rose.

To Father Clark’s brother and family, to the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine’s whom he had served so long, and to all his friends, Dominicana offers deep sympathy. May he rest in peace!

THE VERY REVEREND

† WILLIAM DOMINIC NOON, O.P., S.T.M. †

On July 4, 1952, Father William Dominic Noon passed away at St. Anne’s Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, after an illness of a month. He was seventy-seven years of age, and had been a priest for fifty-four years.

Father Noon was born near Rehoboth, Perry County, Ohio, on February 22, 1875. He received his early education in the country schools of the neighborhood. As a youth he felt a desire to enter the Order of Preachers, and he began his novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where, after a year, he made his profession as a Dominican on June 12, 1893. He spent the next three years studying philosophy at St. Joseph’s, but his superiors soon recognized his extraordinary talents and sent the young student to Rome to complete his studies among the Dominicans at the College of the Minerva. Father Noon was ordained to the sacred priesthood in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in the Eternal City on March 5, 1895, by the Most Reverend Archbishop (later Cardinal) Francis di Paola Cassetta, Vice-gerent of the Cardinal Vicar of Rome.

After receiving the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology at the Minerva, Father Noon returned to this country to teach philosophy and theology at St. Joseph’s, Somerset, Ohio. There he remained for almost four years. When the new House of Studies was opened in Washington, D. C., in 1905, Father Noon was assigned to that house as a member of the faculty of theology. In 1908, he answered a call for volunteers to help the Spanish Dominicans in the Philippines who staffed the ancient University of Santo Tomas in Manila. On the way to his new teaching post in the Far East, Father Noon passed successfully the ad gradus examination taken in Rome in May, 1908.
During his four years in Manila, he was accorded the extraordinary honor of being named president of Santo Tomas, with the grave responsibility of governing the celebrated University and administering its manifold affairs. His work in the Philippines completed, he returned to the United States and resumed his post as a professor on the faculty of theology at Washington. On the petition of the Provincial Chapter of 1913, Father Noon was granted the eminent Dominican degree of Master of Sacred Theology.

At his own request, Father Noon entered upon a new type of work when he joined the parochial mission band, while remaining assigned to the House of Studies in Washington. After two fruitful years spent in the apostolate of preaching, he was sent, in 1916, to St. Dominic's, San Francisco, to aid the Dominicans who were laboring on the Pacific coast. In 1921, he came east once again to accept the office of president of Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island. As second president of the newly established school, he formulated the program and initiated the policies which have made Providence College the outstanding educational institute it is today. After five flourishing years as administrator of the swiftly growing college, he was assigned again to the parochial missions in 1927. During the next five years he labored tirelessly in the pre-eminently Dominican work of preaching until his health broke and he was forced to abandon this activity which he loved with all his heart. He was assigned to parish work, first at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D.C., in 1932, and then at St. Peter's Church, Memphis, Tennessee, in 1935. Father Noon became a son of the newly constituted Province of St. Albert the Great when it was separated from St. Joseph's Province in 1940. When his health permitted, he was again assigned to parish work in 1942 at St. Albert's Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. From there he was sent to St. Pius' Priory, Chicago, Illinois, where he lived until his death.

An eloquent preacher, a zealous missionary, a distinguished professor, an able administrator, Father Noon had an illustrious career in the Order of Preachers. Near the end of his long life, on March 5, 1948, he celebrated his Golden Jubilee in the priesthood by offering a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Rose Church, New Lexington, Ohio, in the presence of his family and friends who joined with him in gratitude to God for a priestly life of half a century so richly blessed. He was a Father of the Province of St. Albert the Great, and in this capacity, he assisted in governing the young Province for more than a decade. Father Noon filled high places and attained great rank in his sixty years as a Friar Preacher; he was endowed with rare
ability as a scholar and preacher, and his life was nobly marked with the industry and devotion with which he fulfilled his cherished Dominican vocation; yet it was his simplicity and geniality, his gracious ways and his rich sense of humor, more than all else, which made him so beloved by his Dominican brethren everywhere.

On July 7, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered at St. Pius' Church, Chicago, by the Very Rev. T. L. Dolan, O.P., Prior of St. Pius'. The Very Rev. J. R. Slavin, O.P., S.T.M., President of Providence College, was deacon, and the Very Rev. R. P. O'Brien, O.P., S.T.M., ex-Provincial of St. Albert's Province, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Madison, Wisconsin, was subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. E. L. Hughes, O.P., S.T.L., Provincial of St. Albert's Province. The Mass was sung by a choir of Dominican Students from the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois. Burial took place in All Saints Cemetery, Desplaines, Illinois, where Father Hughes conducted the ceremonies at the grave.

Dominicana extends deep sympathy to Father Noon's sisters, and to his relatives and friends. May he rest in peace!

On July 8, 1952, Father Crocian Ignatius Cappellino passed away peacefully during the night in his sleep at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky. His death, the result of a heart attack, was very sudden and unexpected. He was in his seventy-fourth year.

A native of Italy, Father Cappellino was born on September 11, 1878, in Monte Maggiore, in the Province of Palermo, Sicily, the second of seven children of Salvatore and Maria Anna Minneci Cappellino. He received his early education at the public school of Montemaggione Belsito. Recognizing a vocation to the priesthood, he entered the Seminary of Cefalii, Palermo, after which he attended the University of St. Apollinaris, Rome, where he pursued courses in Philosophy, Theology, Canon and Civil Law. During this period in Rome he also studied philosophy at the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas. He also did graduate work in law at the Archiepiscopal Juridical School at Naples. He received the Doctorate in Philosophy from the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas in 1899, the Doctorate in Theology from the University of St. Apol-