

✠ THE REVEREND JOHN STEPHEN MORAN, O.P. ✠

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On January 8, 1953, Father John Stephen Moran died in Baltimore, Maryland. Father Moran had been in failing health for about a year and had entered a hospital two weeks before his death. He was seventy-four years of age.

Father Moran was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 5, 1878, the first of six children of the late Michael and Catherine Ford Moran, both natives of Ireland. He received his elementary education at St. John's Parochial School in New Haven, and was graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1897. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where he was clothed with the habit on September 10, 1897. A year later, on October 4, 1898, he made his profession as a member of the Order of Preachers. He remained at St. Rose for his study of philosophy, and part of his course in theology, which he completed at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. He was ordained at Somerset on August 21, 1902, by the Most Reverend Henry Moeller, Bishop of Columbus, later Archbishop of Cincinnati.

His first assignments after ordination took him to New York City as parish priest, first to St. Vincent Ferrer's Church for a year, and then to St. Catherine of Siena's Church for two years. In 1907, Father Moran began an interval of seven years as a preacher on the parochial mission band, working on the Eastern Mission Band, and in California, where he was associated with the Dominicans who were engaged in preaching activity on the Pacific coast. Returning to the East in 1914, he served as a parish priest for the next five years, with assignments at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, Ohio, and St. Raymond's Church, Providence, Rhode Island.

In 1919, Father Moran was named chaplain of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary, Camden, New Jersey, a post which he occupied for thirty years, until failing health forced him to relinquish the active duties of his chaplaincy. He lived in retirement at the Camden monastery until his death.

Father Moran observed the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood less than a year ago, on August 21, 1952. The Golden Jubilee celebration was held in the chapel of the Camden monastery, where Father Moran had faithfully served the Dominican cloistered nuns as chaplain for over three decades.

Father Moran's funeral was held at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, on January 12, 1953. The Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Very Rev. V. R. Burnell, O.P., Prior of St. Mary's, assisted by the Very Rev. J. R. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College, as deacon, and the Rev. J. T. Sullivan, O.P., of Providence College, as subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. T. F. Conlon, O.P., of St. Mary's. During the Solemn Mass Father Moran's brother, the Rev. Walter G. Moran, O.P., of St. Mary's, celebrated Mass at the Altar of the Blessed Virgin. Dominicans from all parts of the country attended the funeral, along with approximately sixty priests of the Diocese of Hartford. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles Doyle represented His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bartholemew J. Eustace, Bishop of Camden, where Father Moran had spent most of his years as a priest. Burial was in the Dominican plot at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

To Father Moran's brothers, Father Walter G. Moran and Mr. Michael A. Moran, and to all his relatives and friends, *Dominicana* offers sincere condolences. *May he rest in peace!*