

✠ THE VERY REVEREND HUBERT HUGH WELSH, O.P., P.G. ✠

Father Welsh died on January 14, 1954, at Holy Ghost Hospital, Cambridge, Massachusetts, after a prolonged illness, at the age of seventy-one. An outstanding missionary of St. Joseph's Province for over a quarter of a century, Father Welsh had been a Dominican for forty-four years and a priest for thirty-eight years.

Father Welsh was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on May 8, 1882, the eighth of fourteen children of Patrick and Margaret Moran Welsh, natives of Ireland. He attended the public schools in that city and later studied at St. Charles College, Endicott City, Maryland. On September 17, 1909, he was clothed in the Dominican habit at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, which, at that time, was the novitiate for the province. A year later, on October third, he made his Simple Profession in the Order of Friars Preachers at the hands of the Very Reverend F. D. McShane, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph's. He pursued the usual philosophical and theological course of studies at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C. Father Welsh was ordained to the sacred priesthood on May 17, 1916, in the chapel of the House of Studies, by the Most Reverend Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University of America.

On December 8, 1917, following the customary year of theology subsequent to ordination, Father Welsh received assignment to St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., where, for the next three years he served as parish priest. In September of 1920 he began a long and distinguished tenure as preacher on the Eastern Mission Band, with residence at St. Dominic's. Until a few years prior to his death, he was engaged in this distinctively Dominican apostolate, and in the course of this time he preached innumerable parochial missions, novenas, and retreats, with remarkable success, in every part of the East, South, and Midwest.

Father Welsh resided at St. Catherine of Siena Priory, in New York City, during the last twenty years of his life, where, on May 20, 1941, he commemorated the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving. The eminent Dominican degree of "Preacher General" was awarded to Father Welsh in recognition of his many years of fruitful preaching activity and his exemplary work in the priesthood on September 13, 1944. The degree was conferred by the

Provincial of St. Joseph's Province, the Very Reverend T. S. McDermott, O.P.

On January 18, 1954, a Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered for Father Welsh by the Reverend Martin S. Welsh, O.P., brother of the deceased, at St. John the Evangelist Church, North Cambridge, Massachusetts. Assisting as deacon in the Mass was the Very Rev. Timothy E. Shea, O.P., Prior of St. Catherine of Siena Priory, New York City, with the Very Rev. Cyril Burke, O.P., Prior of St. Stephen's Priory, Dover, Massachusetts, as sub-deacon. The eulogy was delivered by the Very Rev. Camillus Boyd, O.P., of St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in New York City. The Dominican novices of St. Stephen's, Dover, Massachusetts, were the servers and also formed the choir for the Funeral Mass, at which a large delegation of Dominican priests and Sisters were present. Burial took place in the Community Cemetery at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island.

To Father Welsh's brothers and sisters, and to all his relatives and friends, *Dominicana* offers sincere condolences. *May his soul rest in peace!*