

✠ BROTHER BERTRAND BAILEY, O.P. ✠

On June 23, 1954, Brother Bertrand Bailey fell from a ladder while painting the priory of St. Stephen, Dover, Massachusetts. He died shortly after as a result of injuries sustained from the accident. Brother Bertrand met his death as he lived, carrying out his labors as a Dominican lay brother.

James Andrew Bailey was born on November 3, 1887 at Valley Lee, St. Mary's Co., Maryland. He was the oldest among the eight children of James Theodore and Catherine Elizabeth Cheseldine Bailey. He is the brother of Sister Catherine Elizabeth, O.P., of Mt. St. Mary's, Newburgh, New York. James Andrew received his education in St. Mary's Co., Maryland. He was clothed in the Dominican habit on April 12, 1912, and became Brother Bertrand in religion. After his novitiate at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D. C., he was assigned in 1913 to St. Catherine of Siena Priory, New York. Brother Bertrand returned to Washington in 1914. Following his simple profession, June 22, 1916, he was reassigned to St. Catherine's in New York. After his solemn profession on December 8, 1919, he was made Socius of the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., S.T.M., Bishop of Duluth, Minn. When Bishop McNicholas became Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio, Brother Bertrand remained with him as Socius until his transfer to St. Stephen's Priory, Dover, Mass., after the Archbishop's death in 1951.

A solemn funeral Mass was offered for Brother Bertrand Bailey on Saturday, June 26, 1954, at St. Stephen's Priory, by the Prior, Father Cyril Burke, O.P. Father Michael T. McNicholas, O.P., nephew of the late Archbishop of Cincinnati, was the preacher. The following letter is indeed a tribute to the work done by Brother Bertrand during his years with the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas.

**Letter Circulated Throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati  
At the Command of Archbishop Alter in Connection  
With the Death of Brother Bertrand Bailey**

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati  
29 East Eighth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio

June 24, 1954

Reverend dear Father:

Brother Bertrand Bailey, O.P., was killed in an accident Wednesday morning, June 23, 1954. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday morning, at St. Stephen's Priory, Dover, Massachusetts.

Brother Bertrand left an indelible mark on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He came here in 1925 as general secretary to the late Archbishop McNicholas. In 1938 he began his career as a builder of Missions in the Archdiocese, with St. Susanna in Mason, Ohio. During the next twelve years Brother Bertrand personally planned, directed, and worked on the construction of 25 new chapels that dot every part of the Archdiocese, converted 10 existing buildings into chapels, repaired and remodeled 10 existing churches, constructed 6 schools, built 3 parish halls, converted two buildings into temporary schools, erected 3 priest houses and remodeled 14, and made 7 sisters' houses habitable. About fifteen percent of the parish plants in the diocese today owe their very existence to the "Little Brother of the Missions."

Kindly remember Brother Bertrand in your prayers and Masses. A special Mass for the repose of his soul is to be said in every parish and mission in which he labored.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(signed) PAUL F. LEIBOLD  
Chancellor

*Dominicana* offers sincerest sympathy to Brother Bertrand's family and friends. *May his soul rest in peace!*