

✠ FATHER WILLIAM GREGORY CUMMINS, O.P. ✠

Father Cummins, chaplain of the Dominican Sisters at Eagle Park in New York, died in St. Clare's Hospital, New York City, on August 27th. He had suffered a heart attack before being taken to the hospital.

Father Cummins was born in New York City on March 25, 1883, the fourth oldest among seven children in the family of James Thomas and Elizabeth Reynolds Cummins. He received his early education at St. Vincent Ferrer's Parochial School located in the parish of his birth. He later attended St. Francis Xavier College in New York City and St. Charles' College then situated at Ellicot City, Maryland. After entering the Dominican Novitiate at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, he received the habit from the hands of Rev. F. D. McShane, O.P., on September 14, 1909. On October 3rd of the following year, the same priest accepted his profession of vows. Brother Gregory Cummins studied philosophy from 1911-14 and theology from 1914-18 at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. He was ordained a priest in the chapel there by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University of America, on June 15, 1917.

After his theological studies Father Cummins was assigned as procurator at St. Louis Bertrand's Priory, Louisville, Kentucky, in July, 1918. Ten years later, August 1928, he was sent to Sacred Heart Church, Jersey City, New Jersey. During August of the next year Father Cummins went to St. Thomas Church, Zanesville, Ohio. On April 30, 1930, he was appointed Vicar and Pastor of that parish. In token of his faithful fulfillment of duties he was reappointed Vicar at St. Thomas Church in May, 1933. Then from 1936-39 Father Cummins served at Holy Name Church in Valhalla, New York. Finally he was assigned in 1939 as chaplain of the Dominican Sisters at Mary Immaculate School, Eagle Park, Ossining, New York, a position which he dutifully maintained until his death.

A Solemn Funeral Mass was offered in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church at ten o'clock on Tuesday, August 31st. The celebrant was the Very Rev. L. P. Johannsen, O.P., a class-mate of the deceased. The Very Rev. D. L. Shannon, O.P., was deacon, and Rev. B. P. Shaffer, O.P., was subdeacon. The Very Rev. John H. Healy, O.P., P.G., preached the eulogy. Father Cummins was buried at All Souls Cemetery, Pleasantville, New York. He is survived by two sisters,

Sister M. Cyrina, O.P., of St. Mary of the Springs Community and Miss Frances Cummins.

To Father Cummins' sisters and to all his relatives and friends, *Dominicana* offers sincere and heartfelt expression of sympathy. *May his soul rest in peace!*

PRAYER

O God, Who amongst Thy Apostolic Priests hast raised up Thy servants to the dignity of Priest, grant we beseech Thee, that they may also be admitted into Heaven to their everlasting fellowship, through Jesus Christ Thy only Son, our Lord. Amen.