

offered by the Very Rev. Timothy E. Shea, O.P., pastor and prior of St. Catherine's. Dominicans and diocesan priests were present in the sanctuary. The eulogy was preached by Rev. Timothy J. Murphy, O.P. The burial was in the Dominican plot, All Soul's Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y.

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

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✠ FATHER JOHN BERCHMAN AFFLECK, O.P. ✠

After suffering a stroke on the afternoon of April 24, 1955, Father John B. Affleck died a few hours later at New York Hospital in New York City. He was 65 years old, and had served the Church as a Dominican priest for 26 years.

Father Affleck was born April 23, 1890 in Pawtucket, R. I., the son of Frank and Mary Loughran Affleck. His grammar school education was received at St. Mary's, Pawtucket. Following graduation from St. Anselm's High School, Manchester, N.H., he attended Providence College for two years in preparation for his entrance into the Dominican novitiate at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio. There the habit of the Order was given to him on August 24, 1922, and the next year he made simple profession of religious vows. His course in philosophy was taken at St. Rose, Springfield, Ky., and the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill. Between 1925 and 1930 he studied sacred theology in the Dominican House at Washington, D. C. Father Affleck was ordained a priest June 17, 1929 in the Immaculate Conception Shrine by Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore.

From 1930 to 1932 Father Affleck served in several capacities at Washington. He was the Sub-Master of Students in the Dominican House of Studies, assistant chaplain at the Old Soldier's Home, and chaplain at the District Jail. The Chaplaincy in the Lorton Reformatory, Va. and the Occaquam Workhouse were also cared for by him. Between 1932 and 1937 he was assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's in New York City as assistant to the National Director of the Holy Name Society. In 1937 Father Affleck became pastor of St. Raymond's, Providence, R. I., and the following year prior of St. Mary's, New Haven, Conn. Returning to

St. Vincent Ferrer's in 1942, he faithfully filled many posts during the remainder of his life. The Third Order of St. Dominic in the Brooklyn Diocese received him as director in 1943. A noted organizer of lay groups, he formed the Holy Name branch of the Manhattan Transit Division. The annual Fatima Holy Hour, which was held this year on May 13th in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, was instituted by him. He was supreme chaplain of the Anchor Clubs of America. At the time of his death, Father Affleck was Associate Provincial Director of the Third Order, and Circulating Editor of "The Torch."

On April 27, 1955, the Very Rev. Earl M. Hanley, O.P., offered a Solemn High Mass of Requiem for Father Affleck in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church. The Very Rev. Thomas D. Gilligan, O.P., was deacon, with the Rev. Francis N. Wendell, O.P., acting as subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. Harold C. Boyd, O.P. Other Dominican priests assisted as minor ministers of the Mass.

The Most Rev. Joseph Flannely, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, had been present for Office of the Dead on the preceding evening. At the funeral Mass more than one hundred priests were in attendance, and about the same number of sisters. At least one thousand lay persons came to pay their final respects to Father Affleck who had labored so diligently among them, and to pray for the happy repose of his soul. The burial took place in All Souls' Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y.

To Father Affleck's sister and brother, and to all his relatives and friends, *Dominicana* offers its sincerest and heartfelt sympathy. *May his soul rest in peace!*