The solemn funeral Mass for Father Pauliukas was celebrated July 16, 1956, at St. Vincent Ferrer’s Church, New York City. The celebrant was the Very Reverend Earl Matthew Hanley, O.P., Prior of St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio. Reverend Vitoldus Thomas Ziuraitis, O.P., chaplain to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Metuchen, New Jersey, was the deacon. Reverend Peter Kmita, O.P., of St. Albert’s Province, whose vocation was encouraged by Father Pauliukas, served as subdeacon. Burial was at Pleasantville, N.Y.

Dominicana extends its sympathy to the friends of a priest who had the privilege to work so hard and suffer so much for the Province, the Order and the Church.

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† REVEREND PAUL ADRIAN ELNEN, O.P. †

After a short illness, Father Paul Adrian Elnen, O.P., died on August 14, 1956, in Mercy Hospital, Miami, Florida. At the time of his death he was serving as temporary assistant at the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, Florida. The funeral was held August 17 at St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where Father Elnen was assigned before he died. The Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P., was celebrant of the Solemn Mass, assisted by Rev. P. J. Conaty, O.P., who served as deacon, and Very Rev. F. E. Yonkus, O.P., who was subdeacon. A eulogy was given by Very Rev. F. N. Reynolds, O.P. Present at the funeral were the Most Rev. Karl J. Alter, D.D., Archbishop of Cincinnati, and Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll, D.D., Bishop of Wichita, who gave the final absolution. Another Solemn Mass was offered for Father Elnen in the Church of the Little Flower on August 15. He is survived by a brother, Walter T. Elnen, M.D.

Father Elnen was born December 23, 1903, in Norwalk, Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Charles Elnen. He attended grammar school in Canton, Ohio, and received his high school and college education at St. John’s College in Toledo. He entered the Order in 1925, receiving the habit in September at St. Rose Priory. After being professed at St. Rose a year later, he was sent to River Forest to study philosophy and later to St. Joseph’s and subsequently Washington for his theology. He was ordained in his home parish, St. Peter’s church in Canton, Ohio, in 1932 by his uncle, the Most Rev. A. J. Schwertner, Bishop of Wichita.
After his ordination until 1939, Father Elnen worked much of the time in the diocese of Wichita. During that period also he studied for a year at the Catholic University in Washington and fulfilled assignments at St. Vincent Ferrer’s Priory in New York, St. Pius’ Priory in Chicago, and St. Thomas Aquinas’ in Cincinnati. In 1939 he became subprior and syndicus at Holy Name Convent, Philadelphia, and in 1942 he was assigned to St. Dominic’s parish in Washington, where he also served as syndicus. Later he went to St. Joseph’s in Ohio.

Dominicana extends sincere and prayerful sympathy to the relatives and friends of Father Elnen. May his soul rest in eternal peace.