Obituaries

BROTHER LAWRENCE COSTELLO, O.P.

Brother Lawrence Costello, laybrother, died after an illness of several weeks in the Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C. Brother had been suffering for some years from arthritis, but in spite of his pain, still managed to do small chores at the House of Studies in Washington. The newly-ordained fathers who spent many hours with him during his last illness this summer testified to his great patience amidst intense suffering.

Brother Lawrence was born in Philadelphia, Pa. on April 12, 1888. He was the fifth born of ten children, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Costello, both natives of Ireland. He attended Visitation School in Philadelphia. Brother Lawrence received the habit of the Dominican laybrothers on December 23, 1930 at River Forest, Ill., making his first profession the following year on Christmas Eve. In June, 1932 he was assigned to St. Dominic’s in Detroit, where he faithfully performed the necessary work of a laybrother. After five years there he was transferred to Sacred Heart Priory, Jersey City, laboring there for another five years from 1937 to 1942. His other assignments were at St. Dominic’s, Washington, D.C., Holy Name, Philadelphia, St. Joseph’s, Somerset, Ohio, and St. Antoninus, Newark, N.J. He spent the last four years of his life at the House of Studies, Washington, D.C.


THE VERY REVEREND WALTER GREGORY MORAN, O.P.

On September 12, 1956, Father Walter Moran died after a long illness in Bon Secour Hospital, Baltimore, Md. A native of New Haven, Conn., Father Moran was born on Nov. 11, 1882, the son of Michael and Catherine Ford Moran. After attending Winchester Grammar School and Hillhouse High in New Haven, he entered the Dominican Order at St. Rose, Springfield, Ky., receiving the habit on December 25, 1902. The next year he made profession and started his philosophical training. He was transferred to Washington,
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D.C. in 1905 to finish his philosophical and theological courses and was ordained at the House of Studies by Bishop James J. Hartley of Columbus, Ohio, in June, 1909. His was the first class to be ordained in Washington.

After ordination he was assigned to St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio, as sub-novice master, procurator, and professor of languages. He was then called to St. Vincent’s in New York where for twelve years he served as sub-prior and procurator. For four terms he was prior and pastor of this parish, from 1922 to 1934. After a year as retreat master he was again chosen prior—this time of St. Antoninus in Newark, N. J. The church here was only a basement when he arrived but simplifying the existing plans, he completed the present beautiful structure. In 1942 he was assigned to St. Mary’s, New Haven, where in addition to his parish duties, he was made professor of religion at St. Mary’s Academy. During this time he was also procurator and syndicus of the province.