

✠ THE REVEREND JAMES LOUIS MITCHELL, O.P. ✠

On the feast of the Translation of St. Catherine of Siena, Feb. 28, the province lost one of its most competent preachers by the sudden death of Father James Mitchell. While preparing to leave the railroad station in Providence, R. I. to fulfill an assignment in his native city of Lowell, Mass., Father Mitchell became ill. A Franciscan priest was called to administer the last rites to the dying priest. Father Mitchell would have celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination in May.

Amidst a large gathering of Father Mitchell's fellow Dominicans in St. Pius' church, Providence, the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., bishop of Providence, celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass. He was assisted by the Very Rev. W. B. Sullivan, O.P., P.G. as deacon, and the Rev. P. A. Bagley, O.P. as subdeacon. The Rev. P. J. Conaty, O.P. gave the eulogy. Burial took place in St. Francis cemetery, Pawtucket, R.I.

Born of native Irish parents in Lowell, Mass. on March 13, 1906, Father Mitchell was the first of seven children. He attended St. Michael's parochial school and the Lowell Public High School. After preparatory study at Providence College, he received the habit at St. Rose from the Very Rev. J. S. Wilburn, O.P. on Sept. 8, 1925. He made his profession a year later and went to River Forest for his three years of philosophy. Then, after a year of theology at St. Joseph's Priory, he was sent to Washington to complete his studies. On May 20, 1932 he was ordained by the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, in St. Dominic's church, Washington.

Until he began his career as a missionary in 1940, Father Mitchell taught at Aquinas High School in Columbus. After two years' work with the Eastern Mission Band, he volunteered for the Northwest Mission Band of the California province. Six years later, in 1948, he resumed his mission activity in his own province.

We mourn the loss of our revered Father Mitchell and extend our sympathy to his mother, Mrs. Christopher Mitchell, and to his brothers and sisters. *May he rest in peace.*