

training of the novices but became pastor of St. Thomas Church in Zanesville, O. In 1945 he returned to the scene of his long labors, becoming prior and pastor at St. Rose. After completing this office in 1948 he was assigned to St. Andrew's parish in Cincinnati and the following year to the Colonel John J. Astor Home for Convalescent Boys, Rhinebeck, N. Y. In 1950 he began his last assignment at the novitiate house of the Sisters of the Sick Poor.

The funeral took place at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City, March 4, 1957. His brother, the Very Rev. Bertrand Johannsen, was the celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass. Very Rev. P. L. Thornton, O.P., served as deacon, and Rev. Justin McManus, O.P., was subdeacon. The eulogy was delivered by Very Rev. P. F. Mulhern, O.P., S.T.M. Rev. Charles A. Farrell, O.P. and Rev. G. G. Christian, O.P., were the acolytes. Included in the throng which gathered to pay parting homage to "a simple soul completely devoid of any guile" were distinguished members of the secular clergy, about 80 Dominican priests, and 200 Dominican sisters of various communities. Burial took place in the Dominican plot in All Souls Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y.

Every priest is a father, but to Dominican novices of both the First and Third Order Father Pius Johannsen is especially so. *May he rest in peace.*

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✠ THE REVEREND HENRY IGNATIUS SMITH, O.P. ✠

Exhausted by 47 years of apostolic labor and in the presence of his brethren in religion and the confreres of his work, Father Ignatius Smith fell asleep in Christ in the early afternoon of March 8. It was the day after the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the day in which he had consummated his life's work of living and preaching the doctrine of the Angelic Doctor. The strain of that day's preaching brought about a heart attack which ended his life in his seventy-first year. Father Smith died in Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C. At the time he held the office of dean of religious communities at the Catholic University. He was one of the nation's most illustrious preachers and leaders in Catholic education.

The oldest of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith,

Father Ignatius was born in Newark, N. J., August 25, 1886. Three of his brothers followed him into the Order, a striking reminder of Christ's divine partiality in choosing two pairs of brothers among His twelve Apostles. Two of the brothers also attained prominence in the field of education, and two of them preceded him in death. The Rev. John Smith, O.P., the youngest, is the vice president of Aquinas College High School, Columbus, and a former instructor at Providence College. The late Father George Smith, O.P., was a professor of engineering at Notre Dame University, and the late Father Lawrence Smith, O.P., was head of the Southern Mission Band. Three other brothers and a sister also survive Father Ignatius.

After attending grammar and high school in Newark, Father Smith went to Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J. In the fall of 1904 he entered the novitiate and received the habit at St. Rose. The following year he made his profession of simple vows at St. Joseph Priory, the novitiate having been transferred to that house during the course of his own apprenticeship. He was then sent to the new House of Studies in Washington for his philosophy and theology, and in that same year, 1905, made his first contact with the Catholic University, which was later to become the hub of the wide wheel of his apostolate. Five years later, June 10, 1910, during the course of his studies in theology, he was ordained in the Caldwell Hall chapel at the University by the auxiliary bishop of Baltimore, the Most Rev. Owen B. Corrigan. At the end of his studies in theology in 1912 he was awarded the degree of lector in Sacred Theology, and in 1915 he received his doctorate in philosophy from the University.

Father Smith's first assignment was teaching philosophy and sociology at the Washington studium. In 1917 he began a period of intense activity, which was remarkable even by his own standard. He was made prior and pastor of St. Catherine's Church in New York City. He initiated and edited the *Torch* magazine, and was named Director of the Third Order. He also assumed editorship of the *Holy Name Journal*, was made National Director of the Holy Name Society, and effected a spiritual revival of popular interest in the Society. Resigning after reelection as prior of St. Catherine's, he returned to the House of Studies in Washington in 1920 and in that same year began his teaching career at the Catholic University, which was to continue uninterrupted for 37 years until his death. From 1923 to 1929 he was also prior of the Washington House of Studies.

Father Smith's accomplishments at the University are legion. Having begun as an associate professor of philosophy, he organized the Preachers Institute in 1932 and directed it for 23 years. The Institute was set up, he declared, "for the relief of laymen who had to sit through bad sermons." In 1936 he became the first Dean of the School of Philosophy and remained in this office until 1956. He was moderator or chaplain of more than one student organization. After his retirement as Dean of Philosophy in 1956, he became the first dean of the religious communities, some 72, at the University. At that time also the University celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his association with the school, both as student and teacher.

The University was the base rather than the mere field of Father Smith's abundant apostolate. His fame as a preacher was perhaps greater than his renown as a teacher. The number and extent of his sermons and lectures seems almost legendary, and those who heard him only once seem never to have forgotten it. The apostolate of his pen can also hardly be overemphasized. Besides editing and writing for the *Torch* and the *Journal*, he was editor of *New Scholasticism* for 11 years. In 1936 he became president of the Catholic Philosophical Society. He was spiritual adviser for the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Nurses for many years and national chaplain of the Council of Catholic Nurses.

Honors meant little to Father Smith, though he could scarcely escape them. During the anniversary celebration President Eisenhower saluted him as one who had "contributed to the spiritual strength of our Nation." The University's alumni association awarded him the Cardinal Gibbons Medal, its highest honor. Three colleges presented him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He received decoration twice from Pope Pius XII: the *Bene Merenti* award in 1938 for long and outstanding service and the *Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* in 1956.

The world that had known Father Smith did its utmost to express its gratitude and reverence after his death. On March 11 his community at the Washington House of Studies held its Solemn Requiem Mass, with his brother, Father John Smith, as celebrant. The following day the Very Rev. George C. Reilly, O.P., prior of the House of Studies celebrated a *missa cantata* in the crypt of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the benefit of the student body of the University. Afterwards the Shrine was again thronged for the Solemn Pontifical Mass. The

Most Rev. Patrick O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, was the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. John Smith, O.P., as deacon and the Very Rev. George Reilly, O.P., as subdeacon. The Most Rev. Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, presided. The eulogy was delivered by the Right Rev. William J. McDonald, vice-rector of the University.

Nine bishops were in attendance: the Most Reverends Joseph H. Albers, Lansing; Edward C. Daly, O.P., Des Moines; Bryan J. McEntegart, rector of Catholic University; Fulton J. Sheen, one of Father Smith's first students; Jerome D. Sebastian, Baltimore; Peter L. Ireton and Joseph H. Hodges, Richmond; and John M. McNamara and Philip M. Hannan, Washington. Also present was the Right Rev. Francis McSorley, O.M.I., prefect apostolic of Sulu, in the Philippine Islands.

Honorary pallbearers were J. Edgar Hoover, James F. Kenny, John L. Schroeder, Walter McArdle, Joseph McDermott, Chief Robert Murray, Dr. Edward Finan, Richard Galihier, Edmund La Fond, Thomas Whalen, Dr. A. J. Scullen, Alex Sokoloff, Judge Edward Curran, John J. Daly, James P. Granery, Lewis L. Garnieri, Paul B. Holmes, Dr. Paul Nolan, Wilfred Howell, Raymond A. DuFour, Dr. Roy Deferrari, Hugh Flynn, James Colliflower, John Jankowski, Nicholas J. Chase, Dr. Francis McQuade, and Dr. Roy Bode. Dominican students of the House of Studies formed the choir for both Masses at the Shrine.

Having "done the work of Him who sent him while it was day," and having come to the "night when no man can work," Father Smith was laid to rest near his two brothers in the Dominican plot of Mount Olivet Cemetery. *May he with them rest in peace.*