

go to his Eternal Reward still actively engaged in that work!

On Wednesday afternoon, July 17th, the body of Father Dowd was laid in state in the sanctuary of St. Peter's Church. The Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus was present during the recitation of the Office of the Dead at 8 P.M. The Serra Club and other members of the laity then recited the Rosary. Numbers of the faithful visited the Church to pay their respects to Father Dowd and a great number were present at the Solemn High Requiem Mass on Thursday morning as was a large group of diocesan priests from the area. The Very Rev. Bertrand J. Johannsen, O.P., Superior and Pastor of St. Peter's, was the Celebrant and the Very Rev. Frederick A. Gordon, O.P., P.G. and the Rev. Bernard G. Schneider, O.P. were Deacon and Subdeacon, respectively. The Very Rev. Bernard C. Werner, O.P., P.G. preached the eulogy.

Father Dowd's body was then removed to Springfield, Kentucky where a Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated in St. Rose Priory Church by the Very Rev. C. A. Musselman, O.P., Prior of St. Rose. The Deacon of the Mass was the Very Rev. John Dominic Walsh, O.P., P.G., Pastor of St. Raymond's Church, Providence, Rhode Island, and the Subdeacon, the Rev. Edward E. Holohan, O.P., Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Cincinnati and a classmate of the deceased. Another classmate, the Rev. Urban Nagle, O.P., Ph.D., Chaplain at St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio, preached the eulogy. Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph D. Gettlefinger, Pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Lebanon, Kentucky, and other members of the diocesan clergy were present. Father Dowd was laid to rest in the community cemetery at St. Rose.

To Miss Eleanor Dowd and to Edward, Paul, William and Bernard Dowd, *Dominicana* offers its sympathy on the loss of their beloved brother. *Requiescat in pace.*

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✠ THE REVEREND JOHN PAUL McDERMOTT, O.P. ✠

Many years ago, while still a young priest, Father John Paul McDermott was stricken with a fatal, wasting disease of the nervous system. He was told by doctors that he only had a short time to live. However, with the help of Almighty God and the constant and solicitous care of the Fathers and Lay-Brothers of his priory, he lived on, patiently bearing the cross that was his, doing all that his failing body would allow, until July 1, 1957

when death came peacefully to him in New York Hospital in that city.

Father John Paul McDermott was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa on February 9, 1903. He was educated by the Dominican Sisters at the grammar and high school of the Sacred Heart in Eagle Grove. After deciding on his vocation to the Dominican Order, he entered Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio and Providence College in order to complete his preparatory studies. He received the habit and made his novitiate at Saint Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio and continued his studies at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky and the Dominican Houses of Study in River Forest, Illinois and Washington, D. C. On the morning of June 16, 1930, John Paul McDermott was ordained a priest in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, by Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore.

After the completion of his fourth year of Theology at the Washington House of Studies, Father McDermott was sent to his first assignment, Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois where he taught and served as athletic director. He remained there until 1939 when he went to Saint Vincent Ferrer Priory in New York City to do parish work and serve as Assistant National Director of the Holy Name Society, which office he held until death.

The Very Rev. Raymond S. McGonagle, O.P. of Providence College, a classmate of the deceased, was the celebrant of a Solemn High Mass of Requiem in Saint Vincent Ferrer Church, New York, on July 3, 1957. He was assisted by Fathers William J. McLaughlin, O.P. and William A. Walsh, O.P., as Deacon and Subdeacon, respectively. The eulogy was preached by Father Dennis B. McCarthy, O.P., National Director of the Holy Name Society. The Rev. Richard E. Vahey, O.P. and the Rev. James T. McKenna, O.P. served as Acolytes. More than 80 priests were present at the Funeral Mass. Burial took place in the Dominican Plot, All Soul's Cemetery, Pleasantville, New York.

Father John P. McDermott is survived by two brothers and three sisters. His brothers, both members of St. Joseph's Province of the Dominican Order, are the Very Rev. Terence S. McDermott, O.P., S.T.M., former provincial, and the Rev. Richard M. McDermott, O.P. His sisters are Mrs. Katherine Knowles, Mrs. Mary Reinhardt and Mrs. Irene Miller. To them and to all Father McDermott's relatives and friends, *Dominicana* offers condolences and prayers that he may now enjoy the peaceful rest he so well has merited.