

Requiem Mass in St. Vincent Ferrer's Church on October 11th, 1957. The Celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. Daniel L. Shannon, O.P., Prior and Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer's, who was assisted by the Rev. William F. Kopfman, O.P. and the Very Rev. John D. McMahon, O.P., S.T.M. as Deacon and Subdeacon, respectively. The Acolytes were the Rev. James R. McAvey, O.P. and the Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, O.P. Other ministers were the Reverend Fathers James G. Joyce, O.P., William A. Carroll, O.P. and Charles A. Farrell, O.P. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. Harold R. Barron, O.P. About 90 priests, both diocesan and religious, were present, including Monsignors John J. Scally and Harold S. Engel, both of the Archdiocese of New York. Burial was in the Dominican Plot, All Souls' Cemetery, Pleasantville, N.Y.

To Father Whalen's sister, Mrs. Frederick Kirby, and to his brother, Mr. Kearon J. Whalen, we offer our deepest sympathy. May their beloved brother and ours now enjoy the heavenly reward he has so well merited!

## THE REVEREND

### MICHAEL AUGUSTINE O'CONNOR, O.P.

On September 14th, 1957, in the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston, New York, death came suddenly to Father M. A. O'Connor, O.P., Chaplain at the Dominican Sisters Motherhouse in Sparkill, New York.

Michael Augustine O'Connor was born in New York City on January 18th, 1903. After completing his elementary education in various parochial schools in Staten Island and Mount Vernon, New York, he entered the preparatory school of the Dominican Order, then at Aquinas High School in Columbus, Ohio. He did one year of his college work there, also, and went to Providence

College in Rhode Island for his sophomore year. A year and a day after beginning his novitiate, on August 19th, 1925, in the Chapel of Saint Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, he made his Profession into the hands of the Very Rev. Raymond Meagher, O.P., who was then Provincial. His philosophical and theological courses were completed at the Dominican Houses of Study in River Forest, Illinois and Washington, D. C. He was ordained at Saint Dominic's Church in the latter city on June 15th, 1931 by the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore.

Father O'Connor taught briefly at Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois and at Providence College before leaving for the Province's foreign mission in China in 1933. In March, 1938, after having served in various capacities in Foochow and Kienow, he was named Prefect Apostolic of the Prefecture of Kienow, China with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. He was then only 35 years of age. He resigned this post and returned to the United States in 1941 when conditions in China became unsettled. He was then named to the Eastern Mission Band and was stationed in St. Vincent Ferrer Priory in New York until 1947 when he was appointed chaplain to the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary in Sparkill, New York. He remained there, faithfully fulfilling this assignment until his death.

The Most Rev. Mariner T. Smith, Procurator General of the Dominican Order, was the celebrant of a Solemn Requiem Mass for the deceased in St. Vincent Ferrer Church, New York City on September 18th. He was assisted by the Rev. B. C. Werner, O.P. as deacon and the Rev. E. E. Holohan, O.P. as subdeacon. The eulogy was preached by the Rev. E. U. Nagle, O.P. and the Reverend Fathers R. E. Vahey, O.P., P. Fu, O.P. and C. S. Jorn, O.P., acted as servers. Burial was in the Dominican Plot, Pleasantville, N.Y.

Brother Albert O'Connor, O.P., a Lay-brother of the Province, is a cousin of the deceased. He is also survived by two brothers, Philip J. and Dennis T. O'Connor, and two sisters, Mrs. George Burlinson and Mrs. Vincent Gibbons. To them and to his beloved Sisters in Saint Dominic whom he loved and served so well, *Dominicana* offers its sincerest condolences and the fervent prayer *Requiescat in Pace!*