
Dominicana wishes to extend its prayerful condolences to Father John Francis Connell, O.P., and to Father M. N. Connell’s confreres and students at Aquinas High School. May he rest in peace!

THE REVEREND

AMBROSE PASCHAL REGAN, O.P.


Ambrose Paschal Regan was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on August 24th, 1904, and was educated in St. Mary’s Parochial School in that city. His high school courses were pursued at St. John’s Preparatory School, Danvers, Massachusetts, and Aquinas College High School, Columbus, Ohio, where he first began his studies for the Dominican priesthood. After completing the requisite collegiate studies at Providence College in Rhode Island, Father Regan took the Dominican habit at Saint Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio, on August 15th, 1923, and made his profession there a year and a day later. Philosophical courses followed at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, and the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois. After completing the study of Sacred Theology at Washington’s Dominican
House of Studies, Ambrose Paschal Regan was ordained in that city on June 16th, 1930, by the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, late Archbishop of Baltimore, in St. Dominic’s Church.

Father Regan obtained a Lectorate in Sacred Theology from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington in 1931, and was then sent to the Order’s International College in Rome, the *Collegio Angelico*, now known as the *Angelicum*, remaining there for two years as a graduate student in Philosophy. For one year after his return, he taught Dogmatic Theology at St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio, before being assigned to teach Philosophy at Providence College, where he was to remain until 1950. During the next two years, he taught at Mount Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois.

In 1953, Father Regan began the work of preaching parish missions throughout the Province and was assigned to Saint Mary’s Priory, New Haven, Connecticut. A year later, he continued his work from St. Stephen’s Priory, the Province’s House of Philosophy in Dover, Massachusetts, to which house he was assigned as a missionary at the time of his death.

The conventual chapel at Saint Stephen’s Priory was filled to overflowing on the morning of December 24th, 1957, as the Rev. James W. Regan, O.P., a professor at Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Illinois, and a brother of the deceased, sang a Solemn Requiem Mass, with more than 100 Dominican priests in attendance. The Rev. Hilary A. Neal, O.P., missionary of the Province, and the Rev. Ambrose R. Fleck, O.P., professor at Providence College, acted as deacon and subdeacon respectively, while the Rev. William R. Dillon, O.P., Head of the Eastern Mission Band, preached the eulogy. The Very Rev. Charles H. McKenna, O.P., Prior of St. Stephen Priory, Dover, conducted the committal rites at St. Francis’ Cemetery, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

In addition to his brother, mentioned above, Father Regan is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nora Regan; a sister, Mrs. F. Hession, of Winchester, Massachusetts; and three other brothers, Messrs. David, Maurice, and John J. Regan. *Dominicana* joins the members of the Province in offering to the Regan family its prayerful condolences. *Requiescat in pace!*