

THE VERY REVEREND THOMAS F. CONLON

On April 20, 1959, the Very Rev. Thomas F. Conlon, O.P., died suddenly at St. Mary's Priory in New Haven, Conn., where he had been stationed while fulfilling his assignment as missionary and retreat master. The cause of death was attributed to a heart attack.

Thomas Fidelis Conlon was born in Waterbury, Conn., on June 3, 1891. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School and was graduated from Crosby High School with high honors in classical studies. After his graduation from Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio, he entered the Dominican Novitiate in Somerset, Ohio. He completed the required curriculum of philosophical and theological studies and also received the degree of doctor of literature and the licentiate of Canon Law in Washington, D. C. On June 15, 1917, Father Conlon was elevated to the Sacred Priesthood by the late Bishop Thomas J. Shahan of Catholic University.

As a young priest he was appointed Army chaplain in 1917 at Camp Shirley, Accotink, Va. Following this assignment, he taught Greek at La Salle Academy and Providence College, both in Providence, R. I.

Then he was appointed to the Dominican Eastern Mission Band and in 1928, he was made superior of the Western Missionary Band in Chicago, Ill. From 1931 to 1938, Father Conlon assumed the national directorship of the Holy Name Society. He also served as national director of the Rosary Confraternity and manager of the Dominican Publications Bureau. While acting as the executive secretary of the National Convention of Holy Name Societies, held in New York in 1936, over a national CBS radio hookup on the "Church of the Air" program, Father Conlon instituted the annual national observance of Holy Name Sunday on the second Sunday of January.

In 1938, Father Conlon was appointed pastor of St. Raymond's Church, Providence, R. I., where he remained until 1944 when he returned to his former role as a missionary and retreat master.

His labors were publicly recognized in 1937 when Father Conlon was decorated by Pope Pius XI with the Papal Cross—

"Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice." In 1951, the Dominican Order honored him with the title of Preacher General.

The Most Rev. John F. Hackett, D.D., auxiliary bishop, was the celebrant of a solemn pontifical Mass which took place in St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., on April 23, 1959. The deacon was Rev. Thomas J. Smith, O.P., and the subdeacon was Rev. Richard A. Stone, O.P. Rev. Hugh J. McManus, O.P., preached the eulogy. Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Collins, V.G., acted as assisting priest and the acolytes were the Very Rev. J. T. Murphy, O.P., and Rev. L. R. Dolan, O.P.; Rev. T. E. Quinlan, O.P., was the thurifer.

Prominent among the many dignitaries present were the Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph and also Monsignori Griffen, Morrison, Daly, Donnelly and Struck.

Father Conlon is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bernard Reilly and Sister Catherine Thomasita of the Sisters of Charity, and by six brothers: William A., John A., George B., Raymond, James B., and Joseph A. Conlon. *Dominicana* extends its sincerest sympathy to the brothers, sisters, relatives and many friends of Father Conlon. May he rest in peace.

THE REVEREND FRANCIS L. GRADY

The Rev. Francis L. Grady, O.P., died of a heart attack in Columbus, Ohio, on April 3, 1959. At the time of his death, Father Grady was a member of the faculty at Aquinas High School where he taught for over 17 years.

Francis Leonard Grady was born in Belmont, Mass., on August 29, 1907. He received his primary education in the public schools of Belmont and then attended St. Mary's High School in Waltham, Mass. Collegiate studies were begun at Providence College and on August 15, 1929, he received the habit of the Dominican Order at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky. After having completed his Philosophical studies at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois, the young Dominican was assigned to St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio to begin