THE REVEREND

JOHN FRANCIS McCADDEN

The Fathers and Brothers of St. Joseph's Province were saddened to hear of the death on September 11, 1959, of the Reverend John Francis McCadden, O.P. Father McCadden had been in failing health for six months and died in a coma following an operation for a brain tumor. At the time of his death, he was a patient at Saint Vincent’s Hospital in New York City.

John Francis McCadden was born on March 21, 1895, in New York City. His primary education was at the Dominican Sister's Academy. After attending Cathedral College High School, he first studied at Fordham University in New York, then continued his studies at Aquinas College in Columbus, Ohio. He entered the Dominican Order at St. Joseph’s Priory near Somerset, Ohio, and made his profession on January 14, 1917.

Father McCadden pursued his studies in the Order at St. Rose Priory near Springfield, Kentucky, and then at the House of Studies in Washington, D.C. On June 14, 1923, he was raised to the priesthood in St. Dominic’s Church, Washington, D.C., by Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore.

His first assignment was in the Province's missions in Fukien Province, China, in 1924. But, because of ill health, he was forced to return. Fr. McCadden was then stationed at Holy Rosary in Houston, Texas, from 1925 to 1928. His next assignment was at St. Louis Bertrand’s in Louisville, Kentucky, where he remained until 1939. At that time he was entrusted with the office of Procurator at the House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Fr. McCadden, at the time of his death, was assigned as an assistant at Sacred Heart Priory in Jersey City, New Jersey, and he also retained the post of Vicar of the Provincial at the Dominican Villa, Sea Bright, New Jersey.

Fr. McCadden’s body remained in state in Sacred Heart Priory where large crowds of parishioners and friends visited. The evening before the funeral, the body was taken to Sacred Heart Church for the recitation of the Office of the Dead. The Fathers of the Priory,
the Holy Name Society and the Knights of the Altar of Sacred Heart Church acted as escorts. At the Office of the Dead, the Very Rev. Monsignor Joseph A. Costello was the personal representative of Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark.

The funeral Mass was held Tuesday, September 15, 1959, at Sacred Heart Church. Celebrant for the Mass was the Very Reverend John A. Nowlen, O.P., Prior and pastor of Sacred Heart; the Deacon was the Very Reverend Peter R. O'Brien, O.P., a classmate of Fr. McCadden's and Ex-Provincial of St. Albert's Province; the Sub-deacon was the Reverend Owen I. Beatty, O.P. The Reverend Thomas E. D. Hennessy, O.P., preached the eulogy. Serving as acolytes were Reverend Thomas J. Ertle, O.P., and Reverend John A. McKeon, O.P.

Among the many dignitaries attending the funeral were the Vicar General of the Newark Archdiocese, the Right Reverend Monsignor James A. Hughes and also the Right Reverend Monsignor LeRoy E. McWilliams and the Very Reverend Monsignor William B. Duggan. Represented by special delegations were the Sisters of Charity, the Holy Name Society of Sacred Heart Church and the children from Sacred Heart School.

Surviving relatives of Father McCadden are his brothers, Henry J. and Anthony G., and his sisters, Catherine J. and Agnes M. To his brothers and sisters and to all his friends, Dominicana extends its sincere sympathy. May his soul rest in peace.

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BROTHER HENRY VINCENT WILD

On October 6, 1959, Brother Vincent Wild, O.P., a laybrother, died suddenly at the House of Studies, Washington, D.C. The cause of his death was attributed to the recent illness which he had suffered.

Henry Vincent Wild was born in New York City on March 1, 1894. His earliest education was received in the parochial school of the Immaculate Conception in New York. After his decision to devote his life to the service of God in the Order of Preachers, he was sent to St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, where he made religious profession on February 3, 1922.