The Dominican Province of St. Joseph lost a faithful servant on March 1, 1960, when Father John Raphael O'Connor died in New York City. Father O'Connor had been ill for some time and his death took place while he was at the New York Memorial Hospital.

Father O'Connor was born in New Haven, Conn., on January 31, 1906. His earliest education was received in St. Mary's parochial school in New Haven. Later he continued to study in one of the public high schools in the same city and then went to Providence College, Providence, R. I.

After entering the Order of Preachers, he was sent to complete his work in philosophy and theology at St. Rose Priory near Springfield, Ky.; the Dominican House of Studies at River Forest, Ill.; St. Joseph's Priory near Somerset, Ohio and the Dominican House of Studies at Washington, D. C. Father O'Connor was elevated to the priesthood at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, on May 20, 1932, by the Archbishop of Baltimore, Maryland, Michael J. Curley.

The most notable of Father O'Connor's assignments during his priestly life were his parish work in St. Louis Bertrand's, Louisville, Ky., and his missionary activity from the same house. Father O'Connor also had been engaged in missionary work from St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York City.

The funeral Mass was celebrated on March 5, at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in New York City. Father P. A. Bagley, O.P. was the celebrant. The Deacon and Subdeacon were Fathers T. A. Joyce, O.P. and T. Q. Shanley, O.P. The eulogy was delivered by Father P. J. Conaty, O.P. Fathers W. A. Carroll, O.P. and E. R. Vahey, O.P. were the acolytes. Others who assisted were Fathers R. J. McCann, O.P., C. A. Farrell, O.P. and T. B. Kelly, O.P. Among the faithful who attended the Mass were sixty Dominican priests from the Province of St. Joseph. Father O'Connor was buried in Pleasantville, New York.

To Father O'Connor's surviving brothers and sisters, Dominicana extends its sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace...