

## **The Reverend Charles Fidelis Christmas, O.P.**

On May 11, 1960, after a short illness, the Rev. Charles Fidelis Christmas, O.P. succumbed at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island.

Father Christmas had been stationed at St. Raymond's in Providence since March, 1934 and observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination on June 24, 1956. A native of Fall River, son of the late William and Mary Christmas, he received his early education in St. Mary's, Hazard Memorial and St. Joseph's High School, all in Newport. He studied at the College of St. Laurent in Montreal and entered the Dominican novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., receiving the religious habit in October, 1900.

He was ordained in June, 1906, by the late James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, Md. He was assigned to St. Louis Bertrand's Priory in Louisville where he studied preaching; conducted missions, retreats, novenas and tridua in New England and other parts of the country; held parish assignments in New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, Springfield, Ky.; served as prior of St. Rose's Priory and was procurator and later subprior of St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory in New York. He was a frequent contributor to *The Torch* and was formerly editor of the *Dominican Manual*. His original pamphlet, *The Dominican Third Order*, still is standard reference.

A solemn pontifical requiem Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 13, 1960, at St. Raymond's Church, Providence. The celebrant was the Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Providence. Assisting the Bishop were: deacon of the Mass, Very Rev. Msgr. William J. Carey; subdeacon, Rev. James J. Casey; acolytes, Revs. Ernest A. Hogan, O.P. and John A. Powers, O.P. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. James R. Maloney, O.P. Burial took place in St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, R. I.

Father Christmas is survived by a sister, Mrs. Julia Boylan; two brothers, Raymond V. and Norbert; also several nieces and nephews. *Dominicana* extends to them its sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.

## **The Very Reverend Charles Clement McGonagle, O.P.**

On May 13th, Father McGonagle died at Providence Hospital, Washington, D. C., after a short illness following a heart stroke and par-