

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-

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tial paralysis. The Office of the Dead was chanted the following night at 8 P.M. at the Dominican House of Studies. A Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered on Monday, May 15, at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, by the Very Rev. C. H. McKenna, O.P., Prior of the Dominican House of Studies. Deacon of the Mass was the Very Rev. C. I. Litzinger, O.P.; the Subdeacon was Rev. T. K. Connolly, O.P. The Rev. R. S. McGonagle, O.P., delivered the sermon.

Born in Perry County, Ohio, on April 5, 1873, Father McGonagle received his education at St. Mary's College in Kentucky and St. Rose Priory. Following his ordination to the priesthood in Somerset, Ohio, on October 10, 1901 by the Most Rev. Henry Moeller, Bishop of Columbus, Father McGonagle had assignments to churches in Memphis, Newark, N. J., and Hawthorne, N. Y. He served as Prior at St. Rose Priory, and later held the posts of Subprior and Procurator at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington. In 1921 he was appointed chaplain of the National Soldier's Home, Washington, which post he held with great distinction until he reached retiring age in 1943. Until his death, he held the chaplaincy of the Benedictine Sisters at St. Benedict's Convent in Washington.

Father McGonagle was a zealous priest, conspicuous for his patient work with fallen away Catholics and his energy in making converts. To his two brothers, John and Edward McGonagle, and his two sisters, Mrs. Anna Smith and Mrs. Lillian Finnen, as well as to his friends and brethren, *Dominicana* extends its sympathy. May he rest in peace.

The Reverend Thomas Luke Weiland, O.P.

Father Weiland died after a brief illness early Saturday morning, May 28, at Leonard Morse Hospital, Natick, Mass. He was 81 years old.

He was born in Logan, Ohio, Nov. 18, 1878, and attended public schools in Logan, and the Franciscan College, Teutopolis, Ill. In 1902 he entered the Dominican Order, and after completing his seminary studies was ordained on June 21, 1908 in Washington, D. C. For almost 20 years he taught at Aquinas High School in Columbus, Ohio, and then served for 15 years in Dominican parishes in Detroit and Columbia, S. C. From 1942 to 1952 he was chaplain at the College of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, and since 1952 he resided at St. Stephen's Priory in Dover, Mass.