

The Very Rev. James Clement Kearney, O.P.

At the end of the weekly Procession for the Dead, Father James Clement Kearney, O.P., suffered a heart attack in the chapel of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. on December 5, 1960. The community was present when he died; Extreme Unction was administered, the *Comendatio Animae* prayers recited and the *Salve Regina* sung.

Father Kearney was born in Newark, N.J., on November 28, 1903. He attended Sacred Heart and St. Antoninus' parochial schools and also one of the Newark public high schools. He continued his education at Providence College, Providence, R.I. After entering the Order of Preachers, his studies were continued at St. Joseph's Priory near Somerset, Ohio; St. Rose Priory near Springfield, Ky.; the House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.; the House of Studies, Washington, D.C.; and the Angelicum in Rome. He was ordained priest in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Catholic University, Washington, D.C. on June 17, 1929, by Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore, Md.

Father Kearney had taught at the House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.; at St. Joseph's Priory; and at the House of Studies in Washington, D.C. For 23 years, Father Kearney was the head of the philosophy department at Dunbarton College in Washington where he was greatly loved by the Sisters and the students. He was the national chaplain of the Dunbarton Alumnae Association. At the time of his death, he was also the Vice-President of the Faculty at the House of Studies in Washington.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was sung at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D.C., on December 9, 1960. The celebrant was the Very Rev. Matthew Hanley, O.P.; the Very Rev. W. B. Sullivan, O.P. was the deacon and the Very Rev. K. C. Sullivan, O.P. was the subdeacon. The students of the Dominican House of Studies acted as servers and choir for the Mass. The eulogy was preaced by the Very Rev. G. C. Reilly, O.P. Burial took place at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington.

Among the many present at the funeral were the Most Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington; the Very Rev. W. D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial of St. Joseph's Province; the Very Rev. Edmund Marr, O.P., Provincial of St. Albert's Province; and Mother Kathryn Marie, Superior General of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Also in attendance were the faculty and students of Dunbarton College.

To Father Kearney's brothers, sisters and many friends, *Dominicana* extends its warmest sympathy.