After completing almost sixty years in the priesthood, Father John Healy died in New York on July 26. He was 84 years old.

Father Healy was born in Manchester, England on March 3, 1879. He was educated in the parochial schools of New York and attended the City College of New York. Upon entering the Dominican Order, he studied at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and St. Joseph Priory, Somerset, Ohio. Father Healy was ordained by Archbishop Henry Moeller, co-adjutor of Cincinnati, Ohio, on August 2, 1903.

Father Healy began his long and fruitful priestly life by teaching at Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio. Having been assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer’s Priory in 1908, Father joined the mission band and soon became one of the country’s best known missionaries. A zealous and eloquent priest, he had an unlimited capacity for work. He was honored for his labors by receiving the title Preacher General.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was offered at St. Vincent Ferrer’s Church, New York, on July 30. The celebrant was Very Rev. Robert L. Every, O.P. The deacon and sub-deacon were Very Rev. Walter B. Sullivan, O.P., P.G., and Rev. Richard E. Vahey, O.P. The eulogy was preached by Very Rev. James C. McDonough, O.P., P.G.


Burial took place in Holy Soul’s Cemetery, Pleasantville, New York.

To Father Healy’s sister, Miss Margaret Healy, Dominicana extends its condolences.