Reverend John Malachy Smith, O.P.

On September 24, 1963, Father John Malachy Smith died suddenly at Dominican Villa, Sea Bright, N. J. At the time of his death, he was socius and secretary to the Provincial.

Father Smith was born in Providence, R. I., on September 29, 1900. He received his early education in the parochial schools and later attended La Salle Academy and Providence College. Upon entering the Dominican Order, Father Smith studied at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio; St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Ky.; and the Dominican Houses of Study at River Forest, Ill., and Washington, D. C. He was ordained at St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C., on June 16, 1930 by Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore, Md.

Father Smith's first assignment was at Holy Rosary Church in Minneapolis, Minn., where he did parish work for four years. Then he became chaplain of the Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, Kansas. Seven years later, Father Smith resumed parish work at St. Raymond's Church, Providence, R. I., where he spent one year, and was afterwards assigned to St. Vincent Ferrer's Priory, New York, N. Y.

On September 27, 1963, a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Thomas J. Smith, O.P., brother of the deceased, with the Very Rev. Robert L. Every, O.P., and the Rev. William D. Moriarty, O.P., deacon and subdeacon respectively. Servers were the Rev. Mark P. Geary, O.P., and the Rev. Thomas C. Kelly, O.P. The eulogy was preached by the Very Rev. Elwood F. Smith, O.P. Burial was in Holy Souls Cemetery, Pleasantville, N. Y. In attendance was the Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial, as well as many members of the province.

To Father Smith's mother, Mrs. Peter Smith; brother, Rev. Thomas J. Smith, O.P., and sister, Miss Ethel Smith, Dominicana extends it profound sympathy.