



## Father Louis Moskal, S.D.B.

On February 7th, Father Louis Moskal, S.D.B., suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage, died at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Utica, N. Y. His brother, Father Celestine Moskal, assisted at his bedside.

Father Louis was born in Lipinki, Poland, June 7th, 1903. His parents, James and Christine Moskal, instilled in their children a firm faith in God and a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin, the Patroness of Poland.



When the family migrated to the United States, Louis was only seven years old. After attending the parochial school at Amsterdam, N. Y., Louis was sent to Don Bosco High School, Ramsey, N. J., where he graduated with honors June 1921. That same year he began his novitiate at New Rochelle, N. Y., under the direction of the saintly Master of Novices, Father Binelli. He made his triennial vows on the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, October 1922. After his philosophical studies at New Rochelle, he spent one year of tirocinium at Watsonville, California, and two years at Ramsey. He completed his theological studies at the International Salesian Seminary in Turin, Italy, and was ordained in the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians by his Excellency, Bishop Ernest Coppo, former Provincial of the Eastern Province. After a two year term as Prefect of Studies at Salesian High School, New Rochelle, Father Louis continued in that office at Don Bosco High School, Ramsey, for a period of five years. Then for over twenty years he was engaged in teaching mathematics and science in our schools of Marrero (Louisiana), Tampa (Florida), Paterson (New Jersey), and Huttonsville (West Virginia).

On Thursday morning, the Feast of the Purification, Father Louis celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the young student Brothers at Iona College, New Rochelle. During the Mass he read the words of holy Simeon: "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord...in peace" (Luke 2:29). Little did he realize that these same words would be strikingly applicable to himself that very day. In the morning Father Louis boarded a train at Grand Central, bound for Amsterdam, where his two sisters lived. Before reaching Amsterdam, Father dozed off. Lately during the night severe arthritis would keep him awake for hours. At Utica the conductor woke him up, and Father got off the train. As he made his way toward the station, suddenly he collapsed. Some good Samaritan called an ambulance, and Father was taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital. There the doctors and the Sisters of St. Francis gave him the best of care and attention. That night when the Director of the Provincial House called up the hospital, the doctor informed him that it was a case of cerebral hemorrhage, not caused by any injury but by a combination of contributory causes. And the doctor added: "He's now in the hands of God." Truly the *Nunc Dimittis* of his last Mass closed his sojourn here on earth.

Dear confreres, I humbly ask you to continue your fraternal suffrages for the soul of our departed brother in Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Vincent Duffy, SDB  
Director, Provincial House