

## Oblate Thomas Anglim

November 20th is the anniversary of the death of Oblate Thomas Anglim. Frank Anglim was born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 22, 1891. He received his elementary education at Holy Family School in Chicago. For his secondary education he attended the high school department of St. Ignatius College in Chicago where he was graduated with honors from this Jesuit institute.

During his long business career Frank took special courses in advertising, selling, accounting, office methods, logic, and sociology.

In 1913, he married Rose Purcell of Chicago, and nine children were born to them. Of these children, four entered religious life: two became Sisters of Charity, one a Christian Brother, and one a bishop in Brazil.

When a tragic illness caused the complete incapacity of his wife, resulting in her need of 24-hour-a-day hospital care, Frank was left with the sole responsibility of rearing and caring for the five youngest children. He concentrated all his attention to their care until they were grown and settled in their life careers.

Around 1918, Frank Anglim began a 35-year career with the Underwood corporation and its predecessor companies, and quickly moved into managerial responsibilities in Chicago, Kansas City, and Davenport. For the final 13 years he was regional manager in Minneapolis, covering all of Minnesota and part or all of the adjacent states. He was active in Catholic activities wherever his work brought him.

When his work brought him to Minnesota, he became interested in the Benedictines of St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, though at the time he had no thought of becoming a monk.

In 1953, when Frank Anglim retired from his business career at age 62, he desired to continue a life of service in behalf of others. He sought to offer God a total commitment of all that he had and was--his time, his strength, and his talents. He would serve as a Benedictine monk.

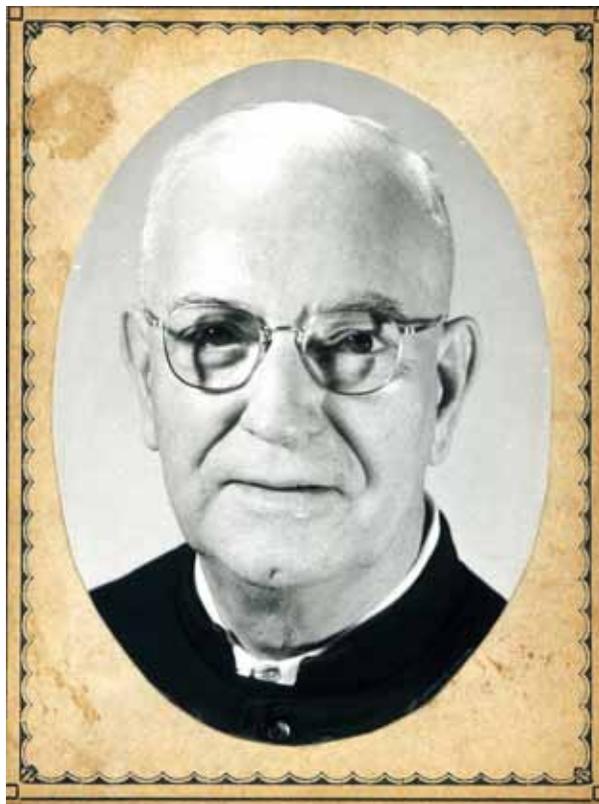
He first applied to enter St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota. Because living quarters for brother-candidates were unavailable at the time, his application was deferred. With the permission of officials at St. John's Abbey, he then applied at Subiaco where he was admitted as a candidate on February 25, 1954. Frank made his oblation as a member of our community on March 3, 1956, receiving the name Thomas Aquinas.

A long life of service in behalf of others enriched the life of Brother Thomas as husband, father, businessman, apostolic Catholic layman, and monk.

When he entered Subiaco, Brother Thomas did not get far beyond the door because he was almost immediately assigned as porter of the monastery, a day and night assignment of answering calls both at the door and on the telephone. Until the completion of Coury House in 1963, virtually all arrangements for guests passed through his office.

Brother Thomas also served our community by assisting the principal of the academy with clerical work, and by writing occasional book reviews for *The Abbey Message*.

Several days before his death, Brother Thomas suffered a fall in the abbey church sanctuary, breaking a shoulder. He was taken to Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Van Buren, Arkansas, where he died on Thursday, November 20, 1969, as a result of complications following the injury.



The funeral Mass for Brother Thomas was held on Monday, November 24, with his surviving children present: six sons and one daughter. Bishop Robert Anglim from Brazil, South America, was celebrant of the Mass for his father.

At the time of his death, Brother Thomas was 78 years old and in the 13th year of his claustral oblation. He is buried in our cemetery.