

✠ REVEREND RICHARD J. T. FORD, O.P. ✠

Death claimed Father Richard J. T. Ford on December 1, 1937, before he had completed two years in the priesthood. His passing was a distinct shock to all the members of Saint Joseph's Province, particularly the communities of the House of Studies in Washington, D. C., where he had spent the major portion of his Dominican life, and of Saint Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio, where he had been a member of the faculty since September, 1937.

Father Ford's death was caused by a throat injury which he received on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Rushed to the hospital of Mount Carmel in Columbus, Ohio, as soon as he was stricken, he was thrice operated upon in a vain effort to save his life. He died on Wednesday evening, three days after entering the hospital.

Father Ford was born on June 15, 1907, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his early education at Saint Ita's grammar school in that city, and later completed his secular studies at Loyola Academy and Loyola University. On August 4, 1929, he entered the Dominican Novitiate at Saint Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, and there, on August 16, 1930, he made his simple Profession into the hands of the Very Rev. J. P. Aldridge, Prior of Saint Rose. He studied Philosophy at the House of Studies in River Forest, Ill., for the next three years and then went to Saint Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio, where he made his solemn Profession before the Very Rev. J. B. Walsh on August 16, 1933. After his first year of Theology at Saint Joseph's, Father Ford came to Washington, D. C., where his training was completed at the House of Studies and at Catholic University. He was elevated to the priesthood on June 10, 1936, by the Most Rev. Amleto Cicognani, D.D., Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Father Ford's first assignment came in the summer of 1937 when he returned to Saint Joseph's as Professor of Homiletics.

Although he died early in his priestly life Father Ford will always be remembered for the devotedness of his labors, his sincerity of purpose and his ardent zeal which gave every indication of a fruitful apostolic future. His constant cheerfulness

and unassuming disposition were greatly admired by his brethren and friends and made the news of his death all the more saddening.

Father Ford's remains were brought to St. Joseph's Priory on December 2 for the traditional burial rites of the Dominican Order. On Friday evening the Office of the Dead was chanted in the conventual church and on the following day a Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. G. V. Hartke, assisted by Rev. J. W. Regan as deacon, and Rev. J. M. Murphy as subdeacon. All the ministers of the Mass were classmates of the deceased.

A touching and sincere eulogy was delivered by the Rev. C. A. Drexelius, Master of Students at St. Joseph's. The Very Rev. T. S. McDermott, Provincial, gave the final absolution and officiated at the interment in the community cemetery.

To Father Ford's parents and brother, DOMINICANA, in behalf of the members of St. Joseph's Province, extends its most sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace!

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✠ REVEREND RICHARD PIUS CAHILL, O.P., P.G. ✠

After an outstanding life of service to the Church Rev. Richard Pius Cahill died of a heart attack at Saint Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville, Ky., on Sunday, December 19, 1937.

Nearly forty years of Father Cahill's priestly life were spent on the Mission Band, and during that time he conducted an average of thirty missions and retreats a year. Many souls were gained by his eloquent sermons, which were rendered instructive and practical by solidity of doctrine and apt examples. A devout priest, an indefatigable preacher and confessor, Father Cahill ranked with the best missionaries of the province.

Father Cahill was born in New York City on December 5, 1865, the eldest of three sons of Dennis and Elizabeth Keefe Cahill. Having completed his grammar school course at Saint Bridget's, New York City, Father Cahill obtained his high school education at a public night school, and then attended Saint Francis Xavier College.

On November 11, 1887, he received the Dominican habit at Saint Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., from Very Rev. M. A. Mc-