

Reverend John F. Ryan

The Reverend Father John Felix Ryan died at Fatima Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island, on June 18, 1964. Father left Cincinnati in March of this year and entered Fatima Hospital; he was found to have cancer.

Fr. John Ryan was born in Providence, Rhode Island, April 8, 1908. After graduation from La Salle Academy he entered Providence College. Father began his novitiate at St. Rose's Priory, Springfield, Kentucky; he attended the Houses of Study in River Forest, Illinois, St. Joseph's Priory Somerset, Ohio and the Immaculate Conception Priory in Washington, D.C. He was ordained in St. Dominic's church, Washington, D.C., June 16, 1938, by Bishop John J. McNamara of Baltimore.

After his ordination Fr. Ryan taught at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island until 1943. He then became an Army chaplain in World War II. His last assignment was that of Assistant Director of Retreats for the Ohio Valley Area.

His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Pius's church, Providence, Rhode Island, by The Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence. Assisting the bishop as deacon was The Reverend J. B. Briggs, O.P., and as subdeacon, The Very Reverend Kenneth Sullivan, O.P. The Reverend Charles Fennell, O.P. delivered the eulogy. Representing the Provincial at the funeral was The Reverend Raymond Daly, O.P.

Fr. Ryan's body was laid to rest in St. Francis Cemetery, Providence, Rhode Island.

The *Dominicana* staff offers its deepest sympathy to Fr. Ryan's sister, Miss Eleanor M. Ryan and his brother, Mr. James P. Ryan.