

OBITUARY

† Reverend Eugene B. Farley, O. P. †

On Friday morning, July 20th, Father Eugene B. Farley, O. P., passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, R. I., following complications which set in after an operation.

The youth of our departed brother was fraught with many difficulties. No sooner had he fixed his heart on the priestly goal, than his father died. Upon him devolved the duty of helping to support the family. Consequently it was only after he had attained his 25th year that he began to study seriously for the priesthood. He entered the Dominican Order when he was 30 years old and made his profession on September 16, 1912. He then began his philosophical and theological studies and was ordained five years later, June 15, 1917. After his ordination he returned to Washington, D. C., to complete his studies.

During his short career in the priesthood, Father Farley saw service in Pleasantville, N. Y., New York City, Johnson City, Tenn., and finally, at Houston, Texas, where he was stricken ill. Shortly before his death he was sent to his home city, so that his family might be a source of consolation to him in his last moments.

His funeral was held from St. Raymond's Church, Providence, R. I., on Monday, July 23rd, where a Solemn High Mass was sung by Very Rev. W. D. Noon, O. P., S. T. M., President of Providence College; Rev. Louis Farrell, O. P., of New York City, and Rev. Robert Carroll, O. P., of Providence, were deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The celebrant delivered the sermon. Present in the sanctuary were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter E. Blessing, V. G., and twenty-three members of the secular clergy and as many Dominicans. Included in the large gathering were many sisters from various congregations. The burial was at St. Francis Cemetery, Very Rev. Gabriel Scanlon, O. P., of Washington, D. C., officiating. In the meantime, another Solemn High Mass of Requiem was being sung at Houston, Texas, by the pastor, Father Gorman, O. P., assisted by Father O'Rourke of Houston, and Father Weiland, O. P., of Columbus, Ohio. Bishop Byrne preached the eulogy.

Father Farley, in the words of one of his superiors, "was a thoroughly good man, devoid of the least malice and always most agreeable. His utter simplicity was almost incredible."

—Bro. Benedict Dione, O. P.