

his Dominican brethren were present, was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. H. Healy, O.P., P.G., assisted by the Rev. J. J. Durkin, O.P., Deacon, and the Rev. E. A. Brady, O.P., Subdeacon. The sermon at the Mass was delivered by the Very Rev. John E. O'Hearn, O.P., P.G. Father O'Leary was buried in the Dominican plot of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Orange, N. J. The prayers at the grave were read by the Very Rev. Walter G. Moran, O.P., Prior of St. Antoninus' Priory.

To his relatives and friends, DOMINICANA extends sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace. J.P.S.

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✠ REV. JOHN PHILIP ARCHDEACON, O.P. ✠

The Province of St. Joseph suffered a severe loss on Tuesday, May 20, when Father John Philip Archdeacon died suddenly at Providence College, Providence, R. I., where he had been professor of education. He had been suffering from a heart ailment for some time and although he had not been feeling well since Saturday, his death came most unexpectedly. Father Archdeacon taught his classes on Monday, the day before he died.

Father Archdeacon was born on April 22, 1892 in Kanturk, County Cork, Ireland, the son of John and Catherine Archdeacon. His elementary and high school education were received in Ireland at the National School in Kanturk, County Cork, and at the La Salle School situated in Castletown, Queens County. In 1912 he came to the United States and after a few years sought admission to the Dominican Order. He was accepted as a candidate for the Order and was sent to Aquinas College in Columbus, Ohio, for two years to complete his preliminary training. On August 1, 1919, he was admitted to the Novitiate at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, and received the habit on August 15, 1919, from the Very Rev. J. B. Connolly, O.P. The following year on Sept. 8, he made his profession to Rev. W. D. Sullivan, O.P., sub-Prior of St. Joseph's. In 1920 he was sent to St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., where he completed one year of his philosophical course. The following year he was transferred to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C., where he completed his course in philosophy and theology and was ordained to the holy Priesthood on June 4, 1926, by Archbishop Curley in St. Dominic's Church, Washington, D. C. He sang his first Solemn Mass in St. Antoninus Church, Newark, N. J., on June 6, 1926.

Father Archdeacon pursued his graduate studies at the Catholic University in the department of Education where the degree of Master of Arts was awarded him on June 10, 1925, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on June 15, 1927.

In 1927 Father Archdeacon was assigned to Aquinas High School in Columbus, Ohio, where he remained as instructor of mathematics for four years. He was transferred to Providence College in 1931 where he became professor of education, a position which he held till his death. Always an affable and energetic professor, Father Archdeacon won the love and admiration of the faculty and the student body at the college. The untimely death of this zealous Dominican is not only a great loss to his Order but also to the student body at Providence College who had come to look upon him as a friend and advisor. His work in the department of education brought him in contact with many school administrators in Providence and vicinity and with a host of teachers, religious and lay, who were grieved at his sudden passing.

His Dominican brethren kept watch beside the body of Father Archdeacon as it lay in state in the student chapel of Aquinas Hall during the night of May 22. On Friday, May 23, Father Archdeacon's funeral was conducted from the chapel of Aquinas Hall with the members of the senior class acting as a guard of honor for the cortege. The acolytes and officers of the Mass led the procession along the campus to St. Pius Church where Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, D.D., Bishop of Providence, pontificated at a solemn high Mass of requiem and pronounced the Absolution after the Mass. Right Rev. Peter E. Blessing, D.D., V.G., was assistant priest. The Very Rev. John J. Dillon, O.P., President of Providence College, and Rev. Charles Mulvey, O.P., Pastor of St. Pius Church, were Deacons of honor. Rev. William C. Meehan, O.P., was deacon and Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., was subdeacon. Rev. Paul C. Perrotta, O.P., a classmate of Father Archdeacon, preached the eulogy. A host of clergy, religious and secular, and many dignitaries of Church and State were present in the sanctuary to pay him final tribute. Burial took place in St. Francis Cemetery where the Very Rev. Adrian T. English, O.P., Prior of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D. C., recited the committal service.

To the members of Father Archdeacon's family and to his many friends, DOMINICANA extends deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.

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