THE REV. JOHN SYLVESTER FRAHER, O.P.

The Rev. John Sylvester Fraher, O.P., of the Dominican House of studies, River Forest, Ill., died on April 19th at Loretto Hospital, Chicago. He had been ordained on March 9th at the Chapel of the House of Studies by the Most Rev. William D. O’Brien, auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.

After a solemn Requiem Mass on April 21st, Father Fraher was buried in All Saints’ Cemetery, Desplaines, Ill. The Very Rev. Peter R. O’Brien, O.P., Provincial, offered the Mass and conducted the committal ceremonies. The Rev. Brother Vincent Ferrer Lux, O.P., was Deacon, and the Rev. Brother Cajetan Donlan, O.P., Sub-deacon. The Rev. T. G. Kinsella, O.P., former Master of Students, preached the eulogy.

The son of John and Mary (Mooney) Fraher, Father Fraher was born in Chicago on May 7, 1915. He attended St. Francis Xavier Grammar School, La Grange, Ill., and Fenwick High School, Oak Park, Ill. In 1937 he was graduated from Providence College, Providence, R. I., with the Bachelor of Arts degree. On Aug. 15, 1937 he was clothed with the habit of the Friars Preachers at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and he pronounced his vows there a year later. After profession, he went to the House of Studies in Chicago, where he was assigned until the time of his death.

During his final year of study he became seriously ill, and his superiors obtained a dispensation to have him ordained ahead of his class. He celebrated his first solemn Mass on March 19th, at St. Francis Xavier Church, La Grange, Ill. Though suffering intensely, he offered his last low Mass on Easter Sunday.

To his parents, his sisters Mary and Margaret, and his brother, Lt. James Fraher, Dominicana extends sincerest sympathy.

THE REV. WILLIAM CHARLES KELLY, O.P.

The Rev. William Charles Kelly, O.P., died on April 26th in St. Francis Hospital, New York City. He was buried on April 29th in All Souls’ Cemetery near Pleasantville, New York, after a solemn Requiem Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer’s Church, New York City. The Very Rev. H. A. Burke, O.P., offered the Mass. The Rev. Dominic