

Father Walker was Prior and Lector Primarius at River Forest from 1927 until 1932. At that time, he became professor of dogma at the Washington House of Studies, and held the office of Subprior from 1933 until August, 1935. He then volunteered to go to St. Albert the Great Priory, in the Holy Name Province, where he was Subprior and professor. He became Prior of the same convent in 1941; and held office until his death. To his brethren, relatives, and friends, *Dominicana* extends sincerest sympathy.

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✦ THE REV. JOHN JORDAN DILLON, O.P., S.T.Lr., Ph.D ✦

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The Reverend John Jordan Dillon, O.P., S.T.Lr., Ph.D., president of Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island, died on December 1 in St. Raphael's Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, after a long illness.

The Most Reverend Francis P. Keough, Bishop of Providence, celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass on December 5 at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. The Reverend William J. Dillon, O.P., was deacon, and the Reverend Edward A. McDermott, O.P., was subdeacon. The Reverend Arthur H. Chandler, O.P., Dean of Providence College, preached the eulogy. Among those present at the funeral were many State Officials, headed by Governor J. Howard McGrath, alumnus of Providence College. Father Dillon was buried in the Dominican plot in St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, R. I.

Born on September 2, 1898, at Derby, Connecticut, Father Dillon was one of the five children of David Joseph and Mary Jane Dillon. He received his primary education at Franklin and Irving Schools in Derby. After graduating from Derby High School in 1917, he joined the Navy when the United States entered the war. He entered Providence College in September, 1920. After completing his preparatory studies, he received the Dominican habit at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio, from the Very Reverend J. B. Connolly, O.P., on August 24, 1922, and made simple profession on August 25, 1923. Father Dillon completed philosophical studies at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky., and at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois.

He made solemn profession on August 26, at the College of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C. The Most Reverend

Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, ordained him a priest on June 17, 1929, in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After receiving the Master of Arts degree at the Catholic University of America and the degree of Lector of Sacred Theology at Immaculate Conception College, Father Dillon was sent to Rome for further study. In 1932, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, with honors, from the Pontifical University in Rome.

Upon his return to America, Father Dillon was appointed professor of philosophy at Providence College. In 1933, he became Vicar-Superior and assistant dean at the College, and held these positions until he became president of the institution in 1936. He received the degree of Doctor of Laws on two occasions: at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, in 1941; and at the Rhode Island State College, Kingston, Rhode Island, in 1942. In 1939 he went to Venezuela on the invitation of President Contreras of that country, to act as a member of a social service mission. He held the chairmanship of the New England unit of the National Catholic Education Association for the year 1941-2. At the time of his death, Father Dillon was president of Providence College for his third term.

*Dominicana* joins in mourning the passing of Father Dillon, and extends sincerest sympathy to his family and many friends.