

✠ REVEREND BERNARD ALOYSIUS McLAUGHLIN, O.P. ✠

Father Bernard Aloysius McLaughlin died very suddenly on June 4, 1953—a victim of a heart attack. He was fifty-nine years of age, and his death came as a shock to all. For nearly thirty years Father McLaughlin served God and country as a devoted priest-educator in the Dominican Order.

Father McLaughlin was born on April 30, 1894 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, one of five children of the late Bernard and Jane (Whittington) McLaughlin. He attended the public grammar school of that city, LaSalle Academy, Providence, R.I., and later, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts. On September 16, 1917, he received the habit and began his novitiate at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, where, a year later he made simple profession as a Friar Preacher. He pursued the prescribed course of philosophical and theological studies at St. Rose and at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. On June 14, 1923, the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, ordained him to the sacred priesthood in St. Dominic's Church in Washington.

Upon completion of the regular course of theology during the year after ordination, Father McLaughlin also obtained the degree of Master of Arts from the Catholic University of America. Then he began his long and fruitful career as an educator at Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island. From 1924 to his untimely death, Father McLaughlin taught and inspired young minds in the Catholic traditions of true Christian living. A spirit of self-sacrifice and diligent industry characterized his many years as a priest and teacher.

A Solemn Pontifical Mass of Requiem was celebrated in St. Pius Church, Providence, Rhode Island, by the Most Reverend Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence, on June 7, 1953. Assisting as Arch-priest was the Very Reverend Robert Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College, with the Very Reverend Patrick J. Conaty, O.P., Prior of St. Pius Priory, Providence, R.I., and the Reverend Dennis J. McCarthy, O.P., as deacons of honor. The deacon of the Funeral Mass was the Reverend John C. Ells, and the subdeacon was the Reverend Charles B. Quirk, O.P. Serving as acolytes in the Mass were the Reverend David J. Coffey and the Reverend Charles J. McConnell, with the Very Rev. Msgr. William F. Murray and the Reverend Louis C. Dunn as Masters of ceremonies. The eulogy was delivered by the Reverend Irving A. Georges, O.P. Burial took place in the Dominican Fathers' plot at Providence College, where the Very

Reverend Robert Slavin, O.P. conducted the ceremonies at the grave, assisted by the Rev. Charles J. McKenna, O.P., and the Rev. Charles Fennell, O.P. Fellow-Dominicans from the community of Providence College acted as pall-bearers.

To Father McLaughlin's mother, brother and sisters, and to all his relatives and friends, *Dominicana* offers its sincerest sympathy. *May he rest in peace.*