On August 17, 1955 Father Frederick C. Foley died in the Leonard Morse Hospital, Natick, Massachusetts. In ill health for years, he was suddenly stricken while visiting St. Stephen's Priory, Dover, Massachusetts.

A native of Lowell, Massachusetts, he was born on March 9, 1904, the fourth of the ten children of Michael and Margaret Heeland Foley. In his early years he attended St. Michael's parochial school and Lowell Public High School. Feeling himself called to the priesthood in the Dominican Order, he pursued his classical studies at Aquinas High School, Columbus, Ohio, and Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island. He was clothed in the habit of St. Dominic on September 8, 1925 at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, and on September 9 of the following year made his religious profession. From 1926-32 he undertook his philosophical and theological courses in the studia of the Order at River Forest, Illinois, Somerset, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. On May 20, 1932 the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, D.D., Archbishop of Baltimore, ordained him to the sacred priesthood.

After his ordination he was sent by his superiors to the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., where he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1933. The following year he was assigned to the faculty of Providence College. Almost from the beginning of his teaching career Father Foley was entrusted with positions of responsibility. In 1936 he was appointed assistant dean of the College and vicar of the religious superior. On the death of the Very Reverend John J. Dillon, O.P., in 1944, he was chosen president of the College. During the term of his presidency he guided the College through the critical war and post-war years. He also fostered the plans for the construction of the modern and excellently equipped St. Albertus Magnus Science Building. Ill health caused him to resign the presidency in 1946. He was next assigned to Aquinas High School, where he remained until his death.

On August 22, 1955 the Very Reverend Joseph B. Taylor, O.P., President of Aquinas High School, celebrated a Solemn Mass of Requiem for the repose of his soul at St. Michael's Church, Lowell, Massachusetts, while the Very Reverend Charles H. McKenna, O.P., and the Reverend Paul A. Bagley, O.P.,
served as deacon and subdeacon respectively. Brothers from St. Stephen’s Priory served as minor ministers and sang the Mass. The Reverend Patrick J. Conaty, O.P., preached the eulogy. Present at the Mass among Father Foley’s relatives and friends were over fifty Dominican priests and a large number of religious and civic dignitaries. Services were conducted by the Very Reverend Robert J. Slavin, O.P., S.T.M., President of Providence College, at the College’s Community Cemetery.

To Father Foley’s family and friends, Dominicana offers sincere and heartfelt condolences. May his soul rest in peace.

† FATHER FRANCIS JUSTIN ROUTH, O.P. †

On September 11, 1955 Father Francis J. Routh died in Georgetown Hospital, Washington, D. C. His death came as the result of a long illness complicated by pneumonia.

Father Routh was born on July 18, 1901 in Jersey City, New Jersey, the seventh of the nine children of Richard F. and Mary Lenihan Routh. His early education was received at St. Paul’s Parochial School and St. Peter’s Preparatory School in the same city. After attending Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island, he entered the Dominican Novitiate at St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio. On August 15, 1923 he received the habit of St. Dominic, and on August 16 of the following year pronounced his religious vows. From 1924-27 he studied Philosophy at St. Rose’s Priory, Springfield, Kentucky, and at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Illinois. The next four years were spent in the study of sacred theology at the Priory of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C. On June 16, 1930 the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, ordained him to the priesthood.

Following his ordination Father Routh attended the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., where he received the degree of Master of Arts. In 1934 he was assigned to work in the headquarters of the Holy Name and Rosary Confraternities at St. Vincent Ferrer’s Priory, New York, and in 1938 was elected prior of St. Catherine’s, New York. That he should be chosen for such a responsible position so early in his Dominican life gives striking evidence of his administrative ability. The years 1941-43 saw him serving as a member of the mission band of Holy Name Province,