The Reverend Joseph John Sullivan, O.P.

When Father Sullivan came to Providence College in 1931, he had already been a Dominican priest for nineteen years. After twenty-nine years of service there, Father Sullivan was laid to rest in the Dominican Fathers Cemetery at the College last July 21.

Born in Covington, Indiana, April 7, 1877, Father Sullivan went to the Covington and Anderson schools and the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York. For five years he was supervisor of art for the Anderson, Indiana, public schools. He always remained active in the area of art; the Holy Name Society pin is the most widely distributed product of his talent.

On June 20, 1912, Bishop John Edward Gunn, S.M., of Natchez, Miss., ordained him in the chapel of Caldwell Hall of Catholic University. Father Sullivan taught at Aquinas College High School and at Fenwick High School, and did parish work before being assigned to Providence College. He was Professor Emeritus at the College at the time of his death—in Harrison, New York on July 18, 1960, after a long illness.

The Reverend Philip C. Skehan, O.P., nephew of Father Sullivan, celebrated a Requiem Mass on July 21, 1960, at St. Pius Church in Providence. The Very Reverend James S. Murray, O.P., Subprior of St. Pius, was Deacon; the Very Reverend Vincent C. Dore, O.P., Superior of the Dominican Community at Providence College, was Subdeacon, and presided at the committal services. The Reverend Lloyd A. Mahler, O.P., preached the eulogy. The Most Reverend Mariner T. Smith, O.P., Procurator General, was present. Dominican Fathers acted as pall bearers and minor ministers, and made up the choir.

Two sisters, Mrs. Laura Skehan and Miss Mary Sullivan, and a brother, Dr. Marion F. Sullivan, survive Father Sullivan. We join our prayers to theirs for the repose of his soul.

Brother Albert O’Connor, O.P.

Brother Albert O’Connor came from Ireland. He was born in Tralee on August 11, 1890, one of seventeen children. The Christian Brothers in Tralee trained him. He was a workman of great skill.

After the tertianship then required had been made at the House of
Studies, Washington, D. C., and St. Rose, and after novitiate at the House of Studies, Brother Albert was professed on February 6, 1921. He was a member of the communities of St. Rose, St. Vincent Ferrer, New York City, the House of Studies, and St. Catherine, New York City.


Besides his brother, Brother Albert left two sisters, Mrs. Kathleen Murphy and Miss Molly O'Connor. He is buried in All Saints Cemetery, Pleasantville, New York. May he rest in peace.