The Very Rev. Robert Louis Rumaggi, O.P.

Father Robert Louis Rumaggi died on January 14, 1961, after a long illness at St. Raphael’s Hospital in New Haven, Conn. At the time of his death, Father Rumaggi was assigned to St. Mary’s in New Haven.

Father Rumaggi was born in Memphis, Tenn., on December 14, 1878. His first education was received at St. Peter’s Orphanage and then at the Christian Brothers’ high school and college in Memphis. Entering the Order of Preachers, he continued his studies at St. Rose’s near Springfield, Ky., and then at St. Joseph’s Somerset, Ohio. He was ordained at St. Joseph’s on August 2, 1903 by Archbishop Henry Moeller, coadjutor of Cincinnati, Ohio.

From 1924 until 1938, Father Rumaggi headed “The Deserving Poor Boys’ Priesthood Association” which he guided with great success. He was honored with the title of Preacher General.

The solemn Requiem Mass was sung January 17th, 1961 at St. Mary’s, New Haven. The celebrant of the Mass was the Most Rev. J. F. Hackett, D.D. The deacon was the Rev. James T. McKenna, O.P., and the subdeacon was the Rev. W. D. Moriarty, O.P. The Rev. R. E. Vahey, O.P., preached the eulogy and the servers for the Mass were the Revs. J. S. Dillon, O.P., J. D. Keating, O.P., and the Very Rev. J. D. Walsh, O.P., P.G. The burial was in New Haven.

To Father Rumaggi’s surviving nephew and nieces, Dominicana extends its sympathy.

The Rev. Charles Matthew Mulvey, O.P.

On February 19, 1961, after an illness of about a year, Father Charles Matthew Mulvey, O.P., died at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, North Providence, Rhode Island. At this time, Father Mulvey had been assigned to missionary work on the eastern mission band of St. Joseph’s Province.

Father Mulvey was born in Providence, R. I., on October 17, 1890. He attended the public schools and also La Salle Academy in Providence. After entering the Order of Preachers, Father Mulvey continued studying at St. Joseph’s Priory, Somerset, Ohio and at the House of Studies in Washington, D. C. During this time he also followed courses at Catholic University. On June 15, 1917, he was ordained to the priesthood in the chapel of the House of Studies by Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, rector of Catholic University. His first assignment was teaching at Aquinas College,
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Columbus, Ohio; then he was occupied in missionary work from 1927 to 1936.


Among the many Dominican and diocesan priests attending the funeral were the Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, the Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., president of Providence College, and the Right Rev. Msgr. Thomas V. Cassidy of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Burial took place in St. Francis Cemetery, Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Dominicana offers its condolence to Father Mulvey's surviving brother and sister and to his many friends.

The Rev. Joseph Aquinas Byrnes

After an illness of many years, Father Joseph Aquinas Byrnes died on February 24 at the Seton Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. Father Byrnes was a member of the community at the House of Studies in Washington, D.C.

On October 31, 1887, Father Byrnes was born in New York City. His education was obtained in the public schools and high schools of New York and also at St. Francis Xavier's College. After he entered the Dominicans, he continued his work at St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio and at the House of Studies in Washington, D.C. The apostolic delegate, Archbishop John Bonzano ordained him in the chapel of the House of Studies, June 24, 1914. His first assignment was teaching at Aquinas College in Columbus, Ohio. During World War I, Father Byrnes served as an Army chaplain. Later he was placed in charge of the Rosary Press, Somerset, Ohio.

Father Byrnes was a classical scholar and his Hymns of the Dominican Missal and Breviary, translated from the Latin, was welcomed by his