

## Obituaries

parliamentary law. For two years, from 1930 to 1932, he occupied the chair of philosophy and acted in the advisory capacity of provost at Albertus Magnus College at New Haven.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated on April 12 at St. Pius Church in Providence, Rhode Island. The celebrant of the Mass was the Most Rev. Russell J. McViney, D.D., Bishop of Providence. The Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., acted as deacon and the subdeacon was the Rev. Charles V. Fennell, O.P. The Rev. Francis A. Howley, O.P., preached the eulogy. The servers for the Mass were the Rev. Leonard J. McAteer and the Rev. Joseph L. Herbert. Among the many dignitaries present was the Most Rev. Thomas F. Maloney, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Providence. Father Galliher was buried in the Providence College campus cemetery.

*Dominicana* offers its sympathy to Father Galliher's surviving brother and sister, and to his many friends.

### **The Very Rev. Joseph Robert Slavin, O.P.**

The Very Rev. Joseph Slavin, O.P., president of Providence College, died unexpectedly on April 24, 1961 of a coronary thrombosis. Father Slavin became ill toward noon and a physician was called; the last rites of the church were administered by the Rev. R. Theodore Hall, O.P., of the college faculty, and Father Slavin died shortly before 2 p.m.

Father Slavin was born in Dorchester, Mass., March 19, 1907. His studies were taken in St. Margaret's parochial school, Dorchester; Boston College, Boston, Mass.; Aquinas College, Columbus, Ohio and Providence College, Providence, R. I. After entering the Order of Preachers, Father Slavin continued to study at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, Ky.; the House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.; St. Joseph's Priory, Somerset, Ohio and the House of Studies, Washington, D. C. He also attended the Catholic University in Washington. On June 14, 1934, Father Slavin was ordained a priest by Archbishop Michael J. Curley of Baltimore, Md. Father Slavin received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Catholic University in 1936. He taught at this university as a professor of philosophy for 13 years. From 1938 to 1945 he also lectured to the students at the House of Studies in Washington. In December, 1951, Father Slavin received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology, the highest academic degree of the Dominican Order.

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Late in May, 1947, Father Slavin was appointed as president of Providence College. During his tenure, the college doubled both its physical size and its enrollment. Father Slavin was the recipient of honorary degrees from Brown University, Bryant College, Rhode Island College, the University of Rhode Island and St. John's University. He was a member of the general executive board of the college and university department of the National Catholic Educational Association, and was formerly president of that organization. He was also a member of the executive committee of the American Council on Education, a member of the advisory committee on new educational media of the United States on education, and of the advisory committee to the surgeon general on medical education. Father Slavin served on the Rhode Island Commission to Study Higher Education and also the community college study group of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges.

His Eminence, Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston presided at the Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass which was celebrated on April 27 in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, Rhode Island. The Most Rev. Russell J. McVinney, D.D., Bishop of Providence, celebrated the Mass. The Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., was deacon of the Mass, with the Rev. Charles V. Fennell, O.P., as subdeacon. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew F. Clarke, diocesan vicar general, was assistant priest. The Most Rev. Thomas F. Maloney, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, delivered the eulogy.

Chaplains to Cardinal Cushing were the Very Rev. Walter B. Sullivan, O.P., and the Rev. Edward A. Vitie, O.P. Other officers of the Mass included the Rev. Royal J. Gardner, O.P., and the Rev. Richard D. Danilowicz, O.P., acolytes; the Rev. Edward B. Halton, O.P., thurifer; the Rev. Charles W. McConnell, mitre bearer; the Rev. Harold J. Flynn, book bearer; the Rev. James S. Murray, O.P., gremial bearer; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Murray, chancellor of the diocese, master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Daniel P. Reilly, assistant master of ceremonies.

Bishop McVinney presided at the committal service in the cemetery on the college campus. The entire student body lined both sides of the walk to the cemetery, giving their final tribute. The Very Rev. William D. Marrin, O.P., provincial of the Dominican Province of St. Joseph, read the service.

To Father Slavin's father, brother and sisters and to his many friends, *Dominicana* offers its sincere condolences.