

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND J. GRAY

The Reverend Raymond J. Gray, S. J., professor of history and director of the department of history and political science at Xavier University, Cincinnati, died at Saint Vincent Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, on July 20, at the age of 48. A native of Cleveland, Doctor Gray received his undergraduate training at John Carroll University in that city and at Saint Louis University. His philosophical studies were pursued at the Jesuit House of Studies on the Isle of Jersey, and his theology at the School of Divinity of Saint Louis University, from which he was ordained to the priesthood in 1929. In 1923 he was awarded the diploma in French History and Literature by the University of Paris, and in 1924 received his master's degree from Saint Louis University. The years 1930-34 were spent as a graduate student in history at Yale University where he received his doctorate. His early teaching assignments were to Saint John's College, Toledo, and to John Carroll University, Cleveland. In 1934 he became professor of history at the Milford Division of Xavier University and in 1937 was appointed professor of history and head of the department of history and political science at the Avondale Division of the University.

A man of kindly, unselfish personality, Doctor Gray gave prodigally of his time and strength to his department and to his students. Possessing uncommon abilities in medieval research and a rare command of the bibliography of that field, he was compelled by force of circumstances to devote the greater part of his time to undergraduate instruction. But in these courses he labored without stint to convey to his students an appreciation of the intellectual currents underlying the factual data of periods and movements. The time remaining to him above these duties he devoted to the final revision of his volume on "The Medieval Coronation Oath, A Study in Origins," which was completed and accepted for publication just prior to his death. He was also the author of a few articles appearing in the *Historical Bulletin*, and contributed a number of reviews to *Thought*, the *Catholic Historical Review*, and *Church History*. He maintained membership in a number of professional organizations, including the Medieval Academy, the American Historical Association, The American Catholic Historical Association, and the American Society of Church History.

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