

# Death of Rev. J. Gubbins

## Limerick Jesuit's Distinguished Career.

Much regret is felt in Limerick at the death which occurred in a Dublin nursing home of Very Rev James Gubbins, S J, in his 57th year.

Born at Kilfinane, co. Limerick, he was son of the late Mr W R Gubbins, who was for a number of years Chairman of the Limerick County Council. The late Father Gubbins was educated at Mungret College, Limerick, and entered the Society of Jesus at St Stanislaus' College, Tuammore in 1906. Later he studied philosophy in Louvain and Stonyhurst College, Lancashire. He then taught for five years at Clongower Wood and Mungret Colleges before pursuing his theological studies at Miltown Park, Dublin, where he was ordained in 1921 by the late Most Rev Dr Byrne, Archbishop of Dublin.

After a further year's training at Tuammore, 1922-23 Father Gubbins went to the Sacred Heart College, The Crescent, Limerick, where as teacher, sportsmaster, and later, Rector, he was to pass 20 years of his priestly life. He was a well-known and popular figure in the city, while his remarkable talents as administrator during his Rectorship (1934-'42) were of inestimable value to the College.

Appointed Rector of Belvedere College, Dublin, 1942, Father Gubbins quickly established himself in the hearts of boys and parents alike. His keen and active interest in the various forms of social and athletic activity sponsored by the college for its past students won for him a ready and full loyalty. In the summer of 1945 a serious breakdown in health forced him to relinquish his Rectorship, and for the past year he was attached to St Francis Xavier's Gardiner st, Dublin. By none will his premature death be more keenly felt than Dublin newsboys, members of the Belvedere Club in Pearse st, Dublin, who found in him a devoted patron and a generous friend. Father Gubbins was chairman of the Catholic Headmasters' Association since 1943.

He is survived by two brothers and two sisters, one of whom is Sister Mary de Parzi, of the Irish Sisters of Charity, Seville Place, Dublin.

After Solemn Office and Requiem Mass at St Francis Xavier's Church, Dublin, today, the funeral took place to Glasnevin Cemetery.