

POPE LEO XIII.

After an illness lasting fourteen days our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII was summoned to rest from his labors of nearly a hundred years.

His life was one of devotion and love for the Church, our holy religion and the welfare of its children.

As a diplomat he was rarely equaled, as a philanthropist his thoughts were ever for the needy.

A complete and up-to-date biography will be found on another page so it will not be necessary to reprint it here.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday July 29—Gospel, St. Luke xvi. 1-9—St. Anne, Mother of B. V. M.

Five Minute Sermon

The Parable of the Unjust Steward. With this parable Christ intended to rebuke the avarice of the Pharisees, who made bad use of their worldly goods.

The steward had the management of a large estate, and as this was not his, but his master's property, he had no right whatever to do with it as he pleased.

The old ladies at the Home for the Aged to the number of about sixty enjoyed a pleasant outing at Windsor Beach Thursday afternoon.

The Sisters in charge extend most cordial thanks to the Rochester Railway Co. for the efficient car service so generously provided for the occasion.

SPECIAL REQUIEM MASS FOR POPE LEO XIII.

Bishop McQuaid issues a Letter to all Pastors of the Diocese.

When the news of the death of Pope Leo XIII reached this city Bishop McQuaid directed that the letter which follows be sent to all priests of the diocese.

The letter follows: Rochester, N. Y., July 21, 1903.

"Dear Rev. Father: 'In fatal duty and love we owe a debt of gratitude to our Holy Father, Leo XIII, whom God has been pleased to call to Himself, after a long career as head of Christ's church and His vice regent here on earth.

"Besides the private masses which every priest will offer to a merciful God in behalf of our deceased father in Christ, there will be in our Cathedral Church a solemn pontifical requiem mass on Tuesday, July 28, and in each parochial church of the diocese a requiem mass with as much solemnity as possible, that the faithful may have an opportunity of offering up their supplications and testify publicly their love and veneration for our supreme Pontiff.

"It will be difficult for any of us to find language more laudatory and uttered with more warmth of feeling than that which is found these days in the non-Catholic press of the country. The appreciation of Leo XIII, his life and character, his wonderful mental powers, his deep interest in all that concerned the betterment of humanity, the good order of society and the peace of the nations of the world, has been hearty and outspoken.

"When the rubrics permit the votive mass, De Spiritu Sancto will be offered up daily until the election of the new Pope; and on other days the prayer of this mass will be added to that of the day, beseeching the Holy Spirit of all lights and truth to guide the electors in their choice of a successor. With the same thought in mind you will ask the faithful to have daily prayers in their homes, and to assist at public prayers in the churches when convenient.

"All the religious communities will offer up prayers and holy communions for the same end.

"Popes die; God's church never dies. Very sincerely in Christ, Bernard, Bishop of Rochester."

AN EPISCOPAL RING.

Bishop McQuaid has Presented One to Bishop-Elect Hendrick.

Bishop McQuaid has presented an episcopal ring to the Rev. Dr. Thomas A. Hendrick, bishop elect of the diocese of Cebu.

The bishop elect and his brother, the Rev. J. W. Hendrick of Ovid, went to Hemlock Lake Wednesday to pay their respects to Archbishop Williams of Boston, who has been spending his vacation at Bishop McQuaid's summer residence.

Archbishop Katzer of Milwaukee died at St. Agnes' Hospital, Fon du Lac, Wis., on Monday night, July 20th.

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THE NEXT POPE

Some of the Most Prominent Candidates For the Papal Throne

TO hundreds of millions of Roman Catholics throughout the world the question of paramount interest is the selection of a successor to Pope Leo XIII. to rule on the throne of St. Peter.

While it is generally believed that the next pope will be chosen from among the Italian cardinals, it is of especial interest to Americans that Cardinal Gibbons, the only American member of the college, is considered not to be without a chance for succeeding to the pontifical throne.

That such an event is possible is explained by the fact that many members of the sacred college are said to favor a new policy for the church and the election of a foreigner as pope.

No opposition to him could be feared from any of the European governments, and no political complications would arise.

James Cardinal Gibbons is one of the most popular and respected dignitaries of the Roman church. He was created a cardinal by Pope Leo on June 7, 1893, at the age of fifty-two.

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Cardinal Luigi Oreglia di Stefano, who is camerlingo or chamberlain of the Roman Catholic church, was born in 1828 and created cardinal by Pius IX. in 1873.

Cardinal Domenico Svampa, archbishop of Bologna, and it is said that Leo himself believed at one time that Svampa would be his successor.

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