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## Impressive Funeral Ceremony For Cardinal Gibbons

### Mourned By The Nation

#### Body Placed In Crypt of Cathedral

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Baltimore, Md., March 31.—In the death of James Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore, Holy Thursday, the Catholic Church in the United States lost the greatest figure in its history.

For 37 years Cardinal Gibbons had been the primate of the Church in this country. During his long ministry as priest, Bishop and Prince of the Church, he has not only made for himself a record of incomparable achievement in the field of ecclesiastical endeavor, but by his patriotism, his intellectual force and winning personality had become a leader of public opinion and endeared himself to all Americans of whatever creed and of no creed.

The Cardinal's death is mourned by the Supreme Pontiff and all the host of shepherds of the fold to whom his name and his fame were made familiar by the sixty years of his pastorate. Tributes to his memory, mingling affection with admiration, came like a shower from all the world when news of his death was flashed to every land.

#### President Harding's Tribute

Among these messages was one from President Harding, who was the Cardinal's friend. This was President Harding's eulogy: "In common with all our people, I mourn the death of Cardinal Gibbons. His long and notable service to country and to Church makes us all his debtors. He was ever ready to lend his encouragement to any movement for the betterment of his fellowmen. He was the very finest type of citizen and churchman.

"It was my good fortune to know him personally and I held him in the highest esteem and veneration. His death is a distinct loss to the country, but it brings to fuller appreciation a great and admirable life."

Death came to Cardinal Gibbons as a gentle messenger summoning him to the reward he had sought and earned in a long and fruitful life of duty, sacrifice and good deeds. His last remembered words were used to frame an expression of affection and thankfulness for the loyalty and kindness of his brethren of the Church and for the peacefulness of his long life.

#### The Funeral

The remains of the Cardinal, clad in white mitre and purple vestments, were laid in the modest granite crypt under the high altar of the Cathedral following the pontifical mass of requiem sung by the Most Rev. John Bonzano on Thursday.

A slab of marble, carved with an inscription in Latin on the north wall of the crypt marks the last resting place of all that is earthly of America's greatest churchman.

Above the vault, in which lie the bodies of six Archbishops of Baltimore who preceded Cardinal Gibbons, is the sanctuary of the Cathedral where Cardinal Gibbons' parents brought him to be baptized and where on June 30, 1836, he was invested with the robes of the Cardinalate.

Above the vault too stands the throne of the Cardinal, and above

the throne and over the white-walled niche in the crypt beneath, will hang the Cardinal's hat, the symbol of primacy in the Catholic Church. There it will hang as long as the Cathedral stands.

Thousands of devout and sorrow-stricken children of the church and citizens of the land viewed the body of Cardinal Gibbons as it lay in state in his beloved Cathedral during the three days preceding the funeral services on Thursday.

The body was removed from the residence where it had been guarded by delegations of Christian Brothers and seminarians, on Sunday night. On Monday morning a perpetual guard of honor, composed of twelve laymen, was placed over the remains as they lay in state. This guard was changed each hour until the funeral services, 876 Catholic men of Baltimore having the privilege of thus paying tribute to their beloved prelate.

Masses of requiem were celebrated on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Monday the mass was celebrated by the Rev. Louis R. Stickney, rector of the Cathedral of the Assumption, for the school children of the archdiocese. Father Stickney was assisted by the Rev. Albert L. Smith, secretary of the Cardinal, as deacon and the Rev. Edwin L. Leonard of the Cathedral as sub-deacon. The Rev. Harry J. Quinn, a young priest bred in the Cathedral parish, was master of ceremonies and the music was sung by the children's choir.

On Tuesday mass was celebrated for the benefit of the sisters and brothers, members of religious orders. The Rev. Eugene J. Connelly, chancellor of the archdiocese was celebrant. The Rev. Arsenius Boyer, confessor of the Cardinal, was deacon and the Rev. William J. Hafey of the Cathedral, sub-deacon. The Rev. B. J. Connelly of St. Charles' Seminary was master of ceremonies.

Wednesday's mass was for the laity and was celebrated by the Right Rev. Owen B. Corrigan, auxiliary bishop. The music at this mass was sung by the cathedral choir of St. Mary's Seminary.

Thousands of the faithful thronged about the gates of the Cathedral for the mass and final ceremonies on Thursday, which were for the prelates of the church and high public officials. The Most Rev. John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate, who was celebrant was assisted by the Very Rev. H. R. Dyer, president of the Seminary of St. Sulpice. The Very Rev. Edwin Wunder, rural dean of Cumberland, Md. and the Rev. Louis O'Donovan of St. Martin's Church, Baltimore, were deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The deacons of honor included the Right Rev. Monsignor C. F. Thomas of St. Patrick's Church, Washington and the Right Rev. Monsignor M. F. Foley of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore.

The masters of ceremonies for the mass were the Rev. W. C. Milholland of St. Mary's University; the Rev. Charles B. Carroll of Epiphany Apostolic College, Baltimore; the Rev. John A. Nainfa, S. S. of Baltimore and the Rev. Henry A. Quinn of Taneytown.

Distinguished Prelates Present

Notable among the distinguished prelates present in the sanctuary were His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell of Boston and Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of New York; the Most Rev. George W. Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, the Most Rev. Sebas-

tian Messmer, Archbishop of Milwaukee and the Most Rev. Austin Dowling, Archbishop of St. Paul. The Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, preached the funeral oration.

Among the Bishops of the United States present at the funeral services were the Right Rev. Owen B. Corrigan of Baltimore; the Right Rev. Michael J. Curley of St. Augustine; the Right Rev. Edmond F. Gibbons of Albany; the Right Rev. Joseph S. Glass of Salt Lake City; the Right Rev. George A. Guertin of Manchester; the Right Rev. Leo Haid, O.S.B., of Belmont Abbey, N. C.; the Right Rev. Patrick A. Heffron, of Winona, Mont.; the Right Rev. Michael J. Hoban of Scranton; the Right Rev. John J. Lawler, of Lead, S. D.; the Right Rev. John J. McCort of Altoona, Pa.; the Right Rev. John G. Murray of Hartford; the Right Rev. John J. Monaghan of Wilmington, Del.; the Right Rev. Phillip R. McDevitt of Harrisburg; the Right Rev. Dennis J. O'Connell of Richmond; the Right Rev. William T. Russell, of Charleston; the Right Rev. Joseph Schrambs, of Toledo; the Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan of the Catholic University and the Right Rev. Cornelius Van de Ven of Alexandria, La.

#### Buried With Episcopal Ring

At the request of the Cathedral clergy no flowers were sent to the Church or residence. Instead the body was laid out in simple and impressive grandeur and by the side was placed a pillow bearing the notable decorations that had been conferred upon the prelate during his lifetime. The episcopal ring was buried with the body in the crypt.

## K. of C. Organizing A Pilgrimage To Canada Shrine

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Montreal, Mar. 28.—The great pilgrimage ever organized to the shrine of St. Joseph at Cote-de-Nieges, near here, will be undertaken next month, when, on April 17, Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty will lead ten thousand and Canadian Knights of Columbus to the little oratory near the summit of Mount Royal where Frere Andre, a humble brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross has for years made intercession to St. Joseph, and where hundreds of extraordinary cures have been reported.

The shrine of St. Joseph at Cote-de-Nieges has during the past few years become internationally renowned. Even the bitterest winter weather does not prevent hundreds of pilgrims from ascending the oratory steps on their knees, while in summer time the sight of scores of pilgrims ascending at the same time is commonplace.

## Louvain's New Library To Be Fine Modern Monument

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Paris, March 15.—Belgian officials have arrived in Paris to begin the task of selecting and purchasing 150,000 volumes for the Louvain library, whose new home, it is announced, will be begun next summer. The laying of the cornerstone of the new building in July, will be made the occasion of a great international festival to which the representatives of universities in various parts of the world, including those in North and South America, will be invited.

## Irish Bishop May Undertake New Mediation

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Dublin, March 18.—Once more there are rumblings and whispers of peace negotiations. There is not yet, so far as the public can see, any evidence of actual effort in that direction, but nevertheless there is good reason for supposing that behind the scenes movements and maneuvers are taking place which not improbably may culminate in the restoration of peace and normal conditions in a short time.

Although prepared to stand by and defend their people, the Irish Bishops, as befits their great and sacred office, are most anxious to see an end put to the present strife, so destructive of life and property. They are not convinced that there was, on the side of the British government, any real sincerity behind the peace overtures made before Christmas. Most Rev. Dr. Clune, Archbishop of Perth, Australia, was then the intermediary.

#### Bishop May Be Mediator

It is not at all improbable that through the intervention of mediation of another distinguished member of the hierarchy, peace may be established. It is not permissible at this stage to mention any name. Suffice it to say that if the church dignitary in question assents to play the role of mediator, all Irish Catholics will place the most implicit confidence in him.

## K. of C. to Erect Fine Headquarters In Minneapolis

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Mar. 26.—Knights of Columbus of this city intend to begin the construction of a 14-story building to provide accommodations for their local councils and for general use. From five to seven stories will be erected next spring and the remainder will be added as necessity requires. The building as projected will cost \$1,200,000. This announcement was made here by E. J. Loring, grand knight. At a preliminary meeting of local members of the Order last week \$30,700 was subscribed toward the enterprise. The balance will be raised by a special plan of finance.

## Appeal to Harding Made by the Irish Relief Committee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Dublin, March 18.—The American Relief Commission have found that 2,000 buildings have been wholly or partially destroyed in Ireland, that the damage amounts to 30,000,000 dollars and that upwards of 30,000 men, women and children are in acute distress on account of the destruction.

They have cabled to President Harding, asking him to make public his undoubted belief that aid from the American public to rehabilitate the industries of Ireland (this aid to be given with scrupulous avoidance of political or religious differences) will exert a powerful effect in providing the highest ideals of mankind and carrying out the noblest traditions of America.

## Catholic Directory Figures Indicate Gains For Church

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

New York, Mar. 28.—Substantial growth in almost every field of the activity of the Catholic Church in the United States during the year 1920 is indicated by the figures published in the Catholic Directory for 1921, issued by P. J. Kennedy and Company of this city.

There are now 17,885,646 Catholics in the United States as opposed to 17,735,553 recorded at the end of 1919, according to the directory, an increase of 150,093. This increase includes more than 39,000 adult conversions, reported from seventy-three out of one hundred and one dioceses. Including the possessions of the United States, the number of Catholics under the flag is recorded as 28,122,859, the major portion of those outside the United States proper being in the Philippine Islands, where there are close to 9,000,000 Catholics.

The increase in the enrollment in the Catholic schools is indicated by the registration of 1,771,418 pupils as opposed to 1,701,218 in 1919. Four new colleges for boys, ten academies for girls, and two orphanages were erected during the year. There are now 6,048 parochial schools maintained in the United States.

The statistics show that 182 new parishes were established during the year, making a total of 10,790 churches with resident priests as against 10,608. There are 5,790 missions with churches, making a total of 16,580 places of worship. During the year 399 new churches were erected, making an average of more than one for each day of the year.

The figures for the hierarchy and clergy show sixteen archbishops, ninety-three bishops and 21,643 priests, an increase of more than 600 priests for the year.

## Thirty-One Nations Now Represented At the Vatican

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Rome, March 17.—With thirty-one countries now represented by embassies or legations at the Vatican, the diplomatic influence of the Holy See is the greatest in the history of the Church. When France renews relations with the Vatican—and this is regarded as certain—Italy alone, of all the principal countries in Europe, will be without a representative accredited to the Papal Court.

Five of the envoys to the Vatican—those of Peru, Chile, Prussia, Brazil and Spain—have ambassadorial rank. The others are ministers. The Vatican is in diplomatic relations not only with all of the great Catholic countries and most of the principal Protestant states of Europe, but has established at least semi-official intercourse with Turkey, Japan and China. All of the states which have arisen since the war—Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia—have exchanged diplomatic representatives with the Holy See.

Every country in South America, most of the Central American republics and Haiti and Santo Domingo have legations at the Vatican. Canada is represented by Great Britain, whose temporary representative has been made permanent. The United States is, of course, not represented.

## Service Men's Need Answered By The K. of C.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Chicago, Ill., March 28.—The employment and the unimpaired industrial conditions have resulted in a rush to the hospitals of former service men who are broken under the strain. Thousands added to the sick and disabled A. E. F. heroes already there have made the task of the United States Public Health Service, prepared and disorganized as it has been, a tremendous one.

In order to help in the work of recovering these men, and to carry out its promise to the public and its membership at the beginning of the war, the Knights of Columbus, through its Educational and Welfare Department, have re-entered the service and is ready caring for the needs of thousands of broken service men in hundreds of hospitals throughout the United States.

#### Efforts in Central West

Knights of Columbus societies already have begun work in nearly a dozen hospitals in and about Chicago in which former soldiers, sailors and marines are being cared for, and the work being rapidly extended throughout Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Iowa by the Central division under the direction of Department Director James J. Walsh, from the headquarters at 1100 West Washington Street. Working with Director Walsh are General Supervisor Thomas F. O'Connell and Educational Supervisor Joseph B. Shine and a number of secretaries.

Creature comforts, such as cigarettes, candies, toilet and shaving articles, games, etc., are being supplied. Entertainment in which well-selected moving pictures are a chief factor are given, and arrangements are being made to take the men on auto rides and give them outdoor athletic entertainment when the weather is fine.

In all this work the Knights of Columbus are co-operating with the officials of the public health service, and with the officials of the institutions in which the service men are. Supreme Secretary W. J. McGinley recently completed a tour of the country in the interest of this service.

#### Break Under Strain of Conditions

The Knights consulted with the Hospitalization Committee of the American Legion of which Gen. Abel Davis is the chairman and received his hearty cooperation.

"Former service men who stood up under the pressure of last year are beginning to succumb under the strain of present conditions," said Department Director Walsh.

"This is going to continue for years, and the expense of the Knights of Columbus is to do all they can for them. All we can do is make the consideration of all these have done for America. We can be able to make them and through the proper entertainment and help help them back to health."

Detroit, March 25.—Sisters of the Holy Family, \$2,500 under the supervision of Judge George J. Wayne, Judge