

Rev. S. FitzSimons Dead

Pastor of St. Mary's Stricken at Services

Rev. Simon FitzSimons, rector of St. Mary's Church, South street, died unexpectedly last Sunday in the parish rectory. He was stricken with a heart attack while saying the 9:30 o'clock Mass and was removed to the rectory, where he failed to rally.

Father FitzSimons had apparently been in the best of health for the last few days, and had complained of no illness, before going to the church.

He was born at Kilmore, County Cavan, Ireland, on August 19, 1848. Father FitzSimons began his preliminary studies for the priesthood in his native town. He came to America while he was still a young man, and took his philosophy and theology courses at the former St. Joseph's Seminary, in Troy, N. Y.

He was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1876, by the late Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, first bishop of the Rochester Diocese, and for a time served as an assistant rector at St. Patrick's Cathedral here.

Later he became rector of Holy Cross Church, Charlotte, and of St. Patrick's Church, at Dansville, on March 7, 1884, he was made rector of St. Rose of Lima's Church, and from that parish was promoted to the irremovable rectorship of St. Mary's Church on September 18, 1912, by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, present bishop of the diocese.

St. Mary's Church was too small to hold the crowd that gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to Father FitzSimons. Every pew in the church was filled and the crowd of sorrowing parishioners, and friends of the 80-year-old rector overflowed the galleries and hundreds stood along the side aisles.

Bishop Hickey celebrated the mass, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, assisted by the Very Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, V. G., of Corpus Christi Church, as assistant priest; the Rev. Thomas F. Connors, rector of Blessed Sacrament Church and George Eiler, chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elmira, as deacons of honor; the Rev. Joseph S. Cameron, rector of Immaculate Conception Church, as deacon of the mass, and the Rev. Cornelius Hogan as sub-leacon; the Rev. John M. Sellinger, rector of St. Charles Church, as master of ceremonies; the Rev. Leo V. Smith of Immaculate Conception Church, as mitre bearer; the Rev. Emmett McGee as book bearer; the Rev. George McCall and Joseph Esser as acolytes; the Rev. Patrick A. Kelly of Aurora as thurifer, and the Rev. Raymond Lynd as candle bearer.

A special choir of priests sang the mass under the direction of the Rev. John M. Peter, S. T. B., professor of plain chant at St. Bernard's Seminary. They were: The Rev. John O'Beirne, George Pedmore, Lawrence Cannon, Louis Edelman, George Scmitt, Eugene Golding, Leo Mooney, Theodore Winterroth, Norman Margaret, Paul Gaffney, William Naughton, Herbert Sturmer and George Weinmann.

The bearers were: The Rev. John F. Boppel, rector of St. Boniface's Church; J. Emil Geffell, D. D., Ph. D., rector of St. Peter and Paul's Church; Arthur A. Hughes, rector of Holy Rosary Church; Charles F. Shay, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral; Edward M. Lynch of Bath, and Alexander McCabe, rector of Holy Cross Church, Charlotte.

Bishop Hickey, in his eulogy which was delivered just before the final absolution was given, referred to Father FitzSimons' unexpected death and of his more than 50 years of service in the priesthood.

"His last act as a priest," he said, "was the reading of the Gospel last Sunday. As he stood there and read the story of the Transfiguration, little did he expect that within a few moments he would be called into the presence of Him whom the Gospel had told him, went into the mountain with three of his chosen disciples who were to witness His Transfiguration. It is fitting, therefore, that his life should end where he began his life of service to Holy Mother Church, before the altar in God's sanctuary."

He commented on his long pastorate at St. Rose's Church in Lima and to the untiring efforts he had expended there, during the majority of his years in the priesthood, in the rebuilding of the parish. And when he came to Rochester, to assume the pastorate of St. Mary's Church, he was the same alert, conscientious and tireless worker in the service of the church that he had displayed in his younger years, the bishop said.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly of Schenectady, a classmate of Father FitzSimons, was among the clergy attending the funeral.

Burial was in the priests' plot in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Among the priests in the sanctuary were the Revs. William Killackey and Thomas Duggan, Blessed Sacrament Church; Charles F. Shay and James B. Keenan, St. Patrick's Cathedral; John P. Brophy, St. Monica's Church; Martin Clune, Holyoake Peter Erras, Springwater; Frank Falls; Francis X. Kuns, St. Francis Xavier Church; Arthur A. Hughes, Holy Rosary Church; John B. Sullivan, St. John the Evangelist; Edmund O'Brien, St. Mary's Church; Joseph Dissett, Corpus Christi Church; Philip Golding, Churchville; John Quinn, Mt. Read; John F. Boppel, living relative, a niece, Mrs. Arthur George M. Schmitt and Walter Barry, Morton, of Eastland avenue, Brighton; St. Boniface's Church; P. J. Mc-

Propagation Of The Faith Society

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Maryknoll and the Propagation of the Faith

A young Maryknoll priest whose duties have brought him into contact with several kindly disposed bishops and priests wrote as follows to one who wished to know how much help Maryknoll may look for from the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith:

Indirectly, it provides partial support for the personal needs of some thirty-eight Maryknoll priests on the mission field. It also meets a part of the cost of transportation for outgoing missionaries.

This money comes from Rome, the international center of the Pontifical Society. We are glad to get this and grateful, but it should be realized that most of the personal needs and practically all other needs on the mission field must be met from some other source.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith can give us nothing from its general fund toward the heavy expense of building or towards the maintenance of Maryknoll Seminaries and other establishments in this country. Many people are under the impression that the Propagation of the Faith will provide all funds needed by all missionary societies. This is an impossibility. The Society aims to be simply an auxiliary for all missionaries already trained and on the field.

In the whole context of the Motu Proprio, our Holy Father Pope Pius XI seems to imply that societies like Maryknoll shall depend entirely upon their own initiative for all expense, connected with training and preparation of missionaries, and also for most of the expense in mission fields, relying on the Propagation of the Faith only for assistance. All societies need the Propagation of the Faith as an auxiliary and should greatly encourage its growth.

For a young Society like Maryknoll to raise almost all its own funds is, needless to say, no small task, the more so since Maryknoll does not seek collections in churches, but only subscriptions to THE FIELD AFAR taken through the favor of bishops and the kindness of parish priests, a custom observed since the beginning of Maryknoll.

Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, S. Dakota, Dec. 9, 1927.

Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 1035 Lincoln-Alliance Bank Bldg., Rochester, N. Y.

Reverend and dear Fr. Mooney:

I received a very good box with a fine coat and other good things for our Indian mission. I should have acknowledged receipt of it before but I was very busy getting my last new church ready for dedication on Thanksgiving Day. This is my 14th little chapel I could help to erect for our poor Indians. It is a joy to set aside a place for our Divine Lord. But to build with only half of the money on hand which is required to pay all bills, it makes it quite hard to make ends meet. Our churches are small and must be so. But if donors think that a missionary can build with only \$500.00, or at most with \$1,000, is it not almost ridiculous to think that a church for Christ shall not need more money than a Ford car or a Chevrolet.

This month we have had two deaths in our community. On December 1st the Mother Superior died, and today we buried a good old Brother, 75 years old. This good German Brother worked 30 years on this mission. He went home with many merits. We need Brothers, as the old Brothers die, and no American young men volunteer for the missions. We need Brothers to carry on. May God inspire some good men to look higher than money and worldly business. A Brother has a beautiful vocation. Some of our Brothers are as important as the priests in the missions.

If in the Sodalties and other societies, the vocation of Brothers would be more proclaimed, I don't doubt that vocations would come. Two of the blessed martyrs were lay Brothers, and they were beatified with the great Fathers Jogues and Brobeur. The word "Knight" has more attraction than "Brother". Many are Knights. Why not become Brothers, who are also Knights—God's Knights!

The Propagation will do much for the faith in stirring up vocations for Brothers in the missions. Brother St. Alphons Rodriguez, Brother Girard Majello—what beautiful examples and characters! Our dear Brother who died before the Feast was very edifying. He lived up to the rules to the last day. Qui ordines vivit—Deo vivit, says St. Bernard. Thanking you again, I am, Yours in Christ, (signed) Placidus F. Slaim, S. J.

New Papal Privileges To Pontifical Mission Society

Three documents from the Vatican mark the fifth anniversary of the transfer to Rome from Lyons, France, of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The anniversary was observed February 11, and an announcement was made that the Supreme Council, consisting of the national directors of the Society, will convene April 17 for the allocation of funds received during 1927.

When the Society was established in Rome it became the official agency of the Church throughout the world for the support of missions. Cardinal Gasparri, in one of the three Papal documents published in connection with the Society's anniversary, says: "His Holiness expresses once more his ardent desire that all the faithful inscribe themselves in the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, by which all missions profit and from which all receive aid, by equal measure for the maintenance of missionaries and catechists, for worship, for orphanages and hospitals, and for necessities of all the various and multiple phases of the missionary life."

A Papal brief was also issued admitting to the privileges of Society membership brothers and sisters of religious orders possessing the vow of poverty. If the religious order is engaged in mission work no fee is expected, but in the case that no missionary activity is engaged in the Superior of each community is requested to offer alms in the names of all the members.

Also by grant of the Holy See, twenty-four national directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and hundreds of diocesan directors are given the privilege of saying or hearing Mass in their private homes in time of illness.

SS. Peter And Paul's

Lenten devotions are held every Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:45 o'clock. Stations of the Cross on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The monthly meeting of St. Francis Society will be held on Monday evening, March 13th at 8 o'clock.

The members of Branch 62, L.C. B.A., are having a campaign for new members. Now is the time to join as it will be a great saving to anyone coming in during this drive. The meeting will be held on Thursday evening, March 15th when all applicants can have their applications filled and information will be given in regard to rates. The committee who is working on the drive consist of Marie Reger, Josephine Conlin, Lillian Miller, Dora Hutting, Margaret Carlin and Margaret Reger.

The marriage of Miss Marie Farmer, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Stuenhaver, of Wilder street and Alfred Klingler, son of Mrs. Margaret Klingler of Norton street took place on Tuesday, February 21st. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Geffell. Miss Jennie Zlarke was bridesmaid. The best man was Clarence Farmer, brother of the bride. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to twenty guests at the home of the bride's mother.

Pre-nuptial events were given by Mrs. M. Klingler, Mrs. Thomas Stuenhaver and Mrs. Clarence Farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Klingler will live at No. 225 Wilder street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Edwards of Chillicothe are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter at their home. Mrs. Edwards was formerly Miss Agnes Lattenville.

Nazareth Juniors Issue Invitations

The annual Junior Prom of Nazareth College will be held at the Sagamore Solarium, April 10. Frances McLaughlin, general chairman, is assisted by committees consisting of Helen Collins, Dorothy Murray, Lois Foley, Julia Sullivan, Monica Forshee, Jean Hayward, Emily Knoll, Margaret Creary, Lillian Fedgan, Margery Garous and Margaret Leary. Cleo-marie Koch is the treasurer. Invitations are now being issued and reservations will be accepted until March 20.

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

St. Elizabeth Social Circle will hold the annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon at the Knights of Columbus restaurant, on Saturday, March 17th. Mrs. E. T. Garvey, president, is in charge of the affair.

A. O. H. Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will celebrate the National Holiday of Ireland on March 17th by an "Irish Night" in Division No. 2 Hall, 195 West Main St., under the auspices of the Monroe County Board. The entertainment committee has arranged the music and dancing to thoroughly reflect the spirit of St. Patrick's Day and promise an excellent program for the Irish lads and lassies on Ireland's festival.

Choral Society To Dedicate Music Room

Rochester Knights of Columbus Choral Society will formally open its new music room in the Columbus building Sunday at 4 o'clock with a reception tendered to the wives and the room is equipped with a stage for solo or orchestral performances, a grand piano and a library of compositions. Under the leadership of F. Pohl, the preparatory work for the annual concert in April will be rehearsed in the new music room.

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