

Father Van der Meulen Given Purse at Dinner in His Honor

Only at the end of a great work or at some milestone in its achievement, is a man usually so eulogized as was Rev. P. C. van der Meulen, Wednesday evening at a dinner and reception in honor of his appointment as rector of Our Lady of Victory Church in Pleasant street, where he succeeds Rev. Canon Alphonse A. Notebaert, for half a century in charge, and at his death one of the most beloved clergymen in all this section.

The affair, in the parish hall in the rear of the church, was said by those long familiar with the church to be the largest gathering yet assembled in its history. Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., bishop of Rochester, fulfilled a wish expressed by the late Canon Notebaert, when he appointed Father van der Meulen as the late pastor's successor. Eloquent tributes were paid to the new rector and his congregation presented him a bag of gold coins.

Rev. Edward T. Meagher, rector of Our Lady of Good Council Church, who once assisted Father Notebaert for one year, voiced the feelings of thousands when he said in an after dinner toast that "It is hard for any man, be he young or old, to aspire to take the cross from the shoulders of one who bore it with such distinguished spirituality as did Father Notebaert."

Father Meagher, in view of his long acquaintance with the parish, referred to the church as "a shrine of real friendship."

Louis A. Langle served as toastmaster. Rev. Prosper Libert and Rev. Edward Byrne, both on the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary, spoke. The French Church deserves the best, and in Father Van der Meulen it has the best, Father Byrne declared.

SS. Peter and Paul's Church

Announcement was made Sunday that the collection for the Propagation of the Faith would be taken up at all the masses on Sunday. He spoke of the needs of the mission and the membership envelopes were distributed.

The diagram of the pew rents will appear on next Sunday.

At the request of the Rosary Society requiem masses were said this week for Ursula Riedman and Richard Schied.

Prayers were requested for Herman Baler, who died on last Friday in this city. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning at 8:30 from 546 Main Street West and at 9 o'clock from the church. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

The regular meeting of Branch 62, L. C. B. A. will be held on Thursday evening, November 1st. The members enjoyed a Halloween Party after the last meeting and a very tasty lunch was served by Catharine Baum, and Josephine Carlin. Prizes for cards were won by Catharine Fritch, Gertrude Spahn, Margaret Reger and Teresa Eberle.

ST. BERNARD'S ALUMNI HOLD 17th REUNION

Nearly 200 graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary were present Wednesday at their alma mater in Lake Avenue for the seventeenth anniversary. The program included addresses by well known priests and election of officers.

St. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, bishop of the Rochester diocese was principal speaker at the afternoon business meeting. Others were Rt. Rev. Mr. Andrew B. Meahan, rector of the Seminary, Rt. Rev. Mr. James Martley, rector emeritus, Rev. William H. Purcell of Johnson City, Mass., president and Rev. William Hart of this city.

New officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. Maurice Griffin, Youngstown, Ohio; vice-president, Rev. Charles F. Regan, St. Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Rochester, Manchester, Vt.; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Rochester, and historian, Rev. John McTeague, Hartford, Conn.

The evening program included a luncheon and a recital in the assembly hall by the student club and orchestra, arranged by Rev. Benedict A. Ehmman, director.

The Man From Idaho

He stopped at Maryknoll "to meet some missionaries." He thought that men who give up everything to go to the Orient for God are men worth meeting. Accidentally, he removed an American flag from his pocket.

"Out in Idaho where I am stationed," he explained, "the hundred percenters think a person is not American unless he carries a flag." Yes, he had been bothered by the Kluxers; they insulted him daily. One night he had to sleep under the altar in his church to avoid a gang of night raiders. On another occasion when he was making a sick call in his parish which is larger than the state of Massachusetts, his horse fell into a canyon; and the priest saved himself by grasping a tree branch. With a torn leg he dragged himself to a mountain cabin, where he barricaded the door against wolves and lay without food for two feverish days, until rescued by a searching party. Later, he was carried on a litter to a doctor twenty miles away; then he was taken overland in a hearse to a hospital. Now he is visiting his home in an eastern city for the first time in six years.

He admires missionaries who suffer the trials of the Orient, he says, and so, instead of indulging in smokes or soft drinks, he uses that money to help Maryknollers. The records show that almost every month he sends ten dollars with which to educate a Chinese student for the priesthood. It certainly would appear that he does not believe mission work in foreign countries should cease because "there is too much to be done at home."

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Weekly Calendar - Of Feast Days

Sunday, October 28.—Sts. Simon and Jude. Simon was a simple Galilean called by Our Lord to be one of the pillars of His Church. Armed with great zeal he went forth to the combat against unbelief and sin and made conquest of many souls. St. Jude was a brother of St. James the Less. He preached first in Mesopotamia and later he and St. Simon met in Persia where they won their crown together.

Monday, October 29.—St. Narcissus, Bishop, was consecrated Bishop of Jerusalem about the year 130. One Holy Saturday when there was no oil in the lamps for the Paschal feast, the Saint told the faithful to draw water from the neighboring well and praying over it told them to pour it into the lamps. It was changed into oil. The Saint was falsely accused by three enemies and withdrawn secretly to the desert. But his accusers were confounded and suffered the terrible penalties they had called down upon themselves if their accusations were proved untrue, and God called Narcissus back to Jerusalem to resume his office.

Tuesday, October 30.—St. Marcellus, the Centurian, Martyr, was thrown into prison because while a captain in the legion of Trajan, he refused to take part in the impious celebration of the birthday of the Emperor Maximian Hercules. He was beheaded October 30, 298.

Wednesday, October 31.—St. Quintin, Martyr, was descended from a Roman senatorial family. Full of zeal for the faith, he made his way into Gaul attended by St. Lucian of Beauva. Quintin established himself at Amiens where he was imprisoned and after being cruelly tortured, was beheaded in 287.

Thursday, November 1.—All Saints. The Church pays day by day, a special veneration to some one of the holy men and women who have helped to establish it by their blood, develop it by their labors, or edify it by their virtues. But, in addition to those whom the Church honors by special designation, or has inscribed on her calendar, how many martyrs are those whose names are not recorded! How many humble virgins and holy penitents! How many just and holy anchorites or young children snatched away in their innocence, many Christians who have died in grace, whose merits are known only to God and who are themselves known only in Heaven! These remember us in their intercessions and we should not forget them.

Friday, November 2.—All souls. When Our Lord inspired St. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, towards the end of the tenth century to establish in his Order a general commemoration of all the faithful departed, it was soon adopted by the whole Western Church and has been continued unceasingly to our day. Let us then ever bear in mind the dead and offer up our prayers for them. By showing this mercy to the suffering souls in Purgatory, we shall be particularly entitled to be treated with mercy at our departure from this world.

Saturday, November 3.—St. Hubert, Bishop, in his early youth was passionately devoted to hunting. Moved by divine grace he renounced the world and was ordained by St. Lambert, Bishop of Maestricht. When the latter was murdered in 681, St. Hubert was chosen to succeed him. He preached the Gospel in the remote places of Ardenne and God blessed him with the gift of miracles. He died May 30, 27.

Harry B. Crowley of Rochester, Republican Candidate for State Comptroller

Mr. Crowley is making an active campaign for the office of State Comptroller for which he was nominated by the Republican Party. He is no new figure in public life. He is what is known as a winner, having stood for election as Assemblyman in Monroe County five times, winning by outstanding pluralities. During his Assembly service, Mr. Crowley was a member of the Cities Committee, the Insurance Committee, and was a member and secretary of the Special Joint Legislative Committee on Automobile Legislation.

Mr. Crowley, who is forty years of age, was born in the city of Rochester and still makes his home there. He is married and is the father of six children. He is the head of the Harry B. Crowley Insurance Agency.

Mr. Crowley has just completed two terms as District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, being a member of Rochester Council. He is also a director of the Automobile Club of Rochester, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rochester Lodge of Elks, Order of the Alhambra, Union League Club of Rochester, the Society of the Genesee, the Rochester Club and the Oak Hill Country Club.

At the present time Mr. Crowley is serving as a member of the Child Welfare Board of Monroe County.

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