

What Freedom For Popes Has Meant In History

This is the sixth and last of a series of articles, received through the N. O. W. C. News Service, dealing with the historic aspect of the solution of the "Roman Question." These articles are by Dr. James J. Walsh, M. D., Ph. D., the eminent Catholic historian, author of "The Thirteenth Century of Europe," "The Popes and Science" and other notable works.

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The fourteenth and fifteenth centuries are the darkest periods in the history of the Church.

It must have almost seemed as though the institution which had flourished so marvelously for thirteen hundred years, in spite of the incursions of the barbarians which had almost uprooted civilization, was destined to go the way of all things human and disappear, as so many of the dynasties around it. Its survival of the Roman Empire, which had appealed to men as the greatest of human institutions, seemed to stamp the Church as more than human and to prove its claim to be divine.

Men are sometimes prone to think, in our time, that such influence as was exercised by the Papacy in leadership over men's minds for the accomplishment of great results in the realm of the mind and the spirit is a thing of the past never to return.

Even under the trying conditions of the Vatican imprisonment at the end of the nineteenth century, after the spirit of the French Revolution had done so much to take it out from under the influence of the Church, a great Pontiff proved capable of making himself the leader of men in the moral and spiritual life of the world.

Historians will doubtless talk of him in the aftertime as we do now of some of the great Pontiffs of a few centuries ago. His career makes it profoundly clear that there is in our time a Vicar of Christ on earth and that when the Pope is free to express himself, great benefits for Christianity result.

In a recently published volume, "A Catholic Looks at Life," I suggested that not a few people were quite sure that the death of Pope Pius IX represented the beginning of the end of Papal influence in Europe and that it would be only a question of a comparatively brief time, with the Pope a prisoner in the Vatican, before the Roman Catholic Church would begin to disintegrate because it would fail to pay that reverence to the now imprisoned occupant of the Papal throne which had held it together so long.

The election of Pope Leo XIII seemed to many to be almost a confirmation of this persuasion. He was a man well on in his middle sixties, he was delicate in health, some even of his friends suggested that a single year of Papal responsibilities would sap his strength, and yet this man lived to fulfill more than the years of Peter and, even from within his Vatican prison, was able to influence the Christian world and shed new glory on the Papacy. The genius and the sanctity of a great man had given freedom of the spirit of the Pope.

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What New Freedom Portends
It is easy to understand that while great Popes would be able to overcome the handicaps even of their confinement in the Vatican, as Leo XIII did, the future holds even brighter prospects in the benefits to be expected under a free Papacy: What the Pope is at absolute liberty to address himself *urbis et orbis* to his diocese in the city and the Christian world, there will be a magnificent opportunity for his influence to make itself felt in our time, when it is so very much needed. A distinguished American (Harvard) Professor or Irving Babbitt of Harvard—and there are some of us who feel that he has the most constructively critical mind in the country—said in his volume "Democracy and Leadership" not long ago:

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DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on date given. All burials made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery unless otherwise mentioned. May their souls rest in peace.

LOUIS CASACELLI
Louis Casacelli, aged 15 years, died Thursday, March 21, at the family residence 67 York Street. He leaves his parents, Felix and Mary Casacelli, two brothers, Guy and Alfred; two sisters, Mrs. John Mira and Mrs. Joseph Chirco.

The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Peter and Paul's Church.

MRS. FRANK PANDINA
Mrs. Frank Pandina, died Friday, March 22. Besides her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Fred Osburn, two sisters, Miss Alfreda Osburn, and Mrs. Phillip Zonneville and one brother, Scott Osburn, of Rochester, N. Y., also her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watron, of Silver Lake, N. Y.

The funeral took place Monday morning from her home, 59 Mohawk Street and at 9 o'clock in St. Andrew's Church. Burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

JACOB J. FRISCH, Sr.
Jacob J. Frisch, Sr., aged 70 years died Thursday evening at his home, 335 Ames Street. He is survived by his wife, Clara Luig Frisch; three sons Jacob J. Jr., Frederick and George Frisch of Kansas City; six daughters, Sister St. Juvenalia of St. Joseph Convent, Mrs. James E. Gallagher, Mrs. Nelson Stott, Mrs. Edward A. Long, all of this city, Mrs. Marie Blake and Mrs. Zachary DuBois of New Orleans; two brothers, Frank and Enoch Frisch.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at Holy Family Church, Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

WILLIAM G. McGUIRE
William G. McGuire died Saturday morning, March 23, in St. Mary's Hospital. He is survived by one sister and three brothers.

The funeral was held Monday morning from B. O'Reilly's Sons, 163 State Street and at 9 o'clock in St. Mary's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

MARY ROMANSKI
Mary Romanski died at the Park Avenue Hospital, Saturday, March 23, aged 13 years. She is survived by her father, Anthony Romanski; two brothers, Wasil and John Romanski. Funeral services were held from the residence, 49 Pontiac Street, Monday, at 8:30 o'clock, and at 9 o'clock St. Joseph's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

MISS MARY E. TOOHRY
Miss Mary E. Toohry died Thursday afternoon, March 21, at the family home, 540 Meigs Street. She is survived by three sisters, Miss Isabella M. Toohry, Mrs. John Galvin and Miss Irene Murphy; two brothers, John Toohry and Harry Murphy. The body was taken to the home of her brother, Harry Murphy, 42 East View Avenue, from where the funeral was held Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock and at 9 o'clock in the Blessed Sacrament Church. Interment in Auburn, N. Y.

MRS. MARGUERITE USCHOLD
Mrs. Marguerite Uschold, aged 76 years, died at the family home, 575 Maple St., Friday, March 22. She is survived by five sons, Nicholas, Joseph, John, Edward and Michael; one daughter, Anna; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was a member of the Christian Mother Society of Holy Family Church.

The funeral took place Monday morning, at 9:45 at Holy Family Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

GEORGE F. WAHL
George F. Wahl, aged 43 years, died Thursday at his home, 67 Massachusetts Street. He leaves his widow, Emma Spitz Wahl; two sons, George and Robert; a daughter, Marjorie; his father, Jacob Wahl; one brother, Charles; two sisters, Mrs. Irving Breitung, Mrs. James Hamilton. He was a member of the Knights of St. John, Knights of Columbus, Alhambra, Loyal Order of Moose, Leiderskrans, Holy Name Society.

The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at Holy Family Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

VALENTINE WEAVER
Valentine Weaver, died Friday, at his residence, 1109 Atlantic Avenue, aged 71 years. He leaves his widow, Regina Weitz Weaver; two sons, William V. and Leo F. Weaver; two daughters, Sister M. Leonita of Notre Dame Convent, Baltimore, and Mrs. A. Weaver; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Boh and Mrs. Anna Weaver; and one grandchild, W. G. P. Weaver.

The funeral was held Tuesday at 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's Church.

JOHN WEBER
John Weber died Friday afternoon, aged 79 years. He leaves two brothers, Frederick G. and Theodore Weber. The funeral took place at 8:45 a. m., Monday, from No. 96 Prince Street and at 9 o'clock at St. Joseph's Church.

B. L. SHEFFIELD
Bertram L. Sheffield died Sunday, March 24, at Strong Memorial Hospital. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Byron Sheffield, three brothers, Jesse F., Leslie E. and Percy L. Sheffield of Rochester; three sisters, Mrs. William Leavitt, Charlotte, Mrs. Harvey Beasor and Virginia Sheffield of Rochester.

The funeral was held at the Immaculate Conception Church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

MRS. WILLIAM A. HOFFNER
Josephine L. Bayer, wife of William A. Hoffner, died Saturday morning, March 23, at the family home, Buffalo Road, Gates, N. Y. She leaves her husband, one sister, Mrs. Theresa Lowenstam, and one brother, August B. Bayer.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the residence and at 10 o'clock in Holy Ghost Church, Cold Water. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

MRS. J. L. HEUBER
Mrs. Marjorie Mangin Heuber died in Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y., March 23. She is survived by her husband, Joseph L. Heuber, and infant daughter; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard P. Mangin; two sisters, Kathryn P. and Anne C.; one brother, John B. of Rochester.

The funeral was held from the residence, 347 Garfield Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y., Tuesday, March 26, at 9 o'clock and at 9:30 o'clock at St. Anthony's Church.

MRS. KATHERINE IMHOF
Sunday afternoon Katherine Loebler Imhof died at the Park Avenue Hospital, aged 60 years. She leaves one son, Henry Imhof; nine daughters, Mrs. Louis A. Smith, Mrs. Charles Jenkins, Mrs. Rudolph Schults, Mrs. Raymond Van Alben, Mrs. William Graf, Mrs. Burton Davis, and the Misses Katherine, Carolyn and Evelyn Imhof; one brother, Nicholas Loebler; one sister, Mrs. John Hoffman; also 18 grandchildren.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning from the residence, 214 Caroline Street, and at 9 o'clock in St. Boniface Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

MRS. HENRY WALTER
Margaret C. Braun Walter, aged 25 years, died Monday, at the home, 294 Wilder Street. She leaves her husband, Henry Walter; a son, George; a daughter, Dorothy; her parents, George and Anna Braun; two sisters, Mrs. Catherine Miller and Miss Anna Braun; two brothers, Joseph and George Braun. The funeral took place Thursday morning at 9:15 o'clock at Holy Family Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

FRANK J. CREAMER
Frank J. Creamer died at the General Hospital, Monday morning, March 25, aged 44 years. He leaves one brother, James J. Creamer; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Berwaldt of New York City. The funeral was held from N. J. Miller's Son Funeral Home, 706 South Avenue, Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

RAYMOND FLORACK
Raymond infant son of Frank J. and Florence Smith Florack, died Sunday in Genesee Hospital. He leaves his parents, three sisters, Cecelia, Ruth and Arlene, and one brother, Joseph.

The funeral was held at ten o'clock from 58 1/2 Woodward street. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

MRS. F. O. OUELLETTE
Mrs. Marie Rose Boland Ouellette died Monday morning, March 25, at St. Mary's Hospital. She leaves her husband, Frederick O. Ouellette, one daughter, Viola R.; two sons Gilbert J. and Frederick G. Ouellette; her mother, Mrs. Rose Boland and one sister, Mrs. Mildred Sifard and one brother, Edward Boland. She was a member of the women of Mooseheart Legion Chapter No. 119; No. 2 Council of the America Order of the Square and the E. C. B. A. of Sacred Heart Church.

The funeral was held from the home, 34 Flower City Park, Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock and at 11 o'clock at Sacred Heart Church. Interment in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

MARY PATRICIA BRENNAN
Mary Patricia Brennan, daughter of Thomas J. and Anna Brennan, died Tuesday morning, March 26, at the family home, 115 Devonshire Court, aged 4 months. Besides her parents she leaves a sister, Francis Brennan. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

CLEMENS KEITZ
At his home on the Lyell Road, in Gates, N. Y., Tuesday morning March 26, 1929, Clemens Keitz died in his 83rd year. He is survived by his widow, Emma Kress Keitz; one son, William C. of Gates; five daughters, Mrs. Louise Peters of Rochester, Mrs. John Wackerow of Webster, Mrs. John Reisch of Cold Water, Mrs. Clarence Murray and Mrs. Charles Stackman, both of Ogdenville, eleven grandchildren.

Interment in St. John's Cemetery, Spencerport.

MRS. CATHERINE D. DERLETH
Mrs. Catherine Del Derleth died at St. Mary's Hospital Monday evening, March 25. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Kolb, one brother, Frank Del of Syracuse.

Funeral Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence, 45 Parkdale Terrace. Blessing at Sacred Heart Church at 10:15 o'clock. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

JAMES J. KANE
James J. Kane, aged 24 years, of 151 Lyndhurst Street, died Tuesday afternoon, March 26. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Helen Moffit Kane; two sisters, Mrs. Otto A. Schlegel and Miss Edna G. Kane, all of this city.

The remains were removed to Hodges & Hoffman Funeral Parlor, 141 Seio Street from where the funeral took place Friday morning, March 29, 1929, at 9:30 o'clock and at 10 o'clock at Corpus Christi Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

MRS. OWEN MEEHAN
Brookport, March 23.—Mrs. Marie Meehan, 63, died Thursday at her home in Liberty Street. She is survived by her husband, Owen Meehan; one son, John J. Meehan and one daughter, Mrs. James Costigan and two grandchildren all of Brookport. The funeral was held Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the Church of the Nativity, and was attended by many friends.

WATERLOO
Catholic Daughters
Waterloo, March 28.—Court St. Elizabeth, No. 835, Catholic Daughters of America, will hold a dancing party Easter Monday night, April 1st in Columbus Hall. Miss Josephine Weiss is chairman of the committee on arrangements. A big crowd is expected to attend.

DANSVILLE
HUGH NIDDELL
Dansville, March 28.—Funeral services for Hugh Niddell, 57, were held from St. Patrick's Church, Fillmore, on Tuesday morning at 10:30. Burial at Fillmore. Mr. Niddell resided here for the past 20 years, but previously lived in Fillmore.

Auburn Honors Beloved Sister
Funeral Services for Sister Mary Claudia Were Largely Attended
Auburn, March 28.—The funeral of Sister Mary Claudia, principal of St. Mary's Parochial School, and Mother Superior of St. Mary's Convent, was held last Saturday morning in St. Mary's Church in this city. Sister Mary Claudia's death occurred at Harrisburg, Pa., and she will be deeply mourned by many friends, especially by the children of St. Mary's School. Her funeral was largely attended.

Rev. John J. McGrath, pastor of the church, celebrated a solemn high mass of requiem. Rev. Andrew Byrne, professor in St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, was deacon, and Rev. John B. Crowley, pastor of St. Aloysius Church, sub-deacon. Rev. Leo V. Smith assistant pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rochester, was master of ceremonies. Priests in attendance also included Rev. John A. Conway, Rev. Frederick G. Straub, Rev. Peter Mohr, Rev. Donald Chary, Rev. John Bolnswether, Rev. J. Norman Margrett, Rev. Samuel J. Houghton, Rev. Daniel Sullivan and Rev. John Duffy, all of Auburn; Rev. William McFadden of Geneva, Rev. Edward Lyons of Seipio and Rev. William Bergan of Rochester.

Following the services the remains were taken to Rochester for burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The bearers were William Hoffman, John DeJoy, David, Hubert, Martin O'Connell, Edward J. Gullfoit and Martin Welch.

Back Broken, Lived 6 Months

Arthur Stockings, Young Farmer, Made Heroic Fight For Life

Mount Morris, March 28.—Arthur Stockings of Leicester died in the Highland Hospital, Rochester, on March 23, after a heroic fight of six months for life. Mr. Stockings was a stalwart young farmer. Six months ago he was helping thresh grain on the Squawkie Hill farm of B. E. Brophel. He slipped and fell on the belt of the threshing machine and was hurled to the floor of the barn with such force that his back was broken. He was taken to the Highland Hospital in Rochester. His condition was so bad that it was thought he could live only a few days. But Mr. Stockings showed remarkable grit, fought death, prayed fervently, and asked all his relatives and friends to pray for him. Greatly to the amazement of the doctors and nurses at the hospital, he did not die, but recovered so he was able to be moved to his home a few weeks ago.

It was hoped that his improvement was permanent, but he suffered a bad relapse a few days ago and was taken back to the hospital. Death was the victor this time, and this highly respected citizen and devout Catholic passed from life, resigned to the will of God. Besides his widow he is survived by three children; his father, Benjamin Stockings; one brother and three sisters. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of this village, and funeral services were held there Tuesday morning, with burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Many friends were present at the funeral, and the relatives of Mr. Stockings will have the sincere sympathy of all residents in this vicinity.

Rev. John E. Casey Buried Tuesday
Cousin of Bishop O'Hern and Rector of Clyde Church Died Suddenly
Rev. John Casey, L. L. D., rector of St. John's Church, Clyde, N. Y., and a first cousin of Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., Bishop of Rochester, died suddenly at his home in Clyde last Saturday afternoon, aged 65 years. He had been in poor health for a long time. On March 19 he attended the consecration of Bishop O'Hern in Rochester, and served as Chaplain to the Bishop.

Father Casey was born in Hinsdale, N. Y., and was educated in St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary. He served as assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira, was pastor of the Church at Reville for some time, and in 1919 went to Clyde, where his work made him greatly beloved by all people.

The office for the dead was chanted in St. John's Church on Monday evening at 8 o'clock, with the Rev. William M. Hart, Vicar General of the Diocese, presiding. There were many priests present.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock last Tuesday morning. The Church was filled with friends and parishioners, and priests were present from all parts of the Diocese, and beyond the Diocese. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by a first cousin, Rev. Thomas J. O'Hern of St. Bartholomew's Church, Buffalo, N. Y., with Rev. T. Maurice O'Hern of Clarendon, Pa., another first cousin, as Deacon, with Rev. Michael E. Daify of Eldred, Pa., a relative by marriage, as sub-deacon. Rev. Wm. Donovan and Rev. Charles Azzal, a former and present assistants in the parish, were masters of ceremonies. Rev. John Guy, a boy of the Parish, ordained to the priesthood from St. John's, was censer bearer.

Bishop John Francis O'Hern was present in the Sanctuary during the Mass and gave the final absolutions at the close. He was assisted by Rev. Joseph F. Dissett and Rev. Andrew T. Dissett.

The sermon was preached by Very Rev. Thomas Plasmann, O. F. M., President of St. Bonaventure's College and Seminary, Allegany, N. Y. Bishop O'Hern also thanked the clergy, the various Sisterhoods, the men, women and children of the parish, the civic and religious leaders of Clyde for the many kindnesses which they manifested towards Father Casey in his last illness and particularly for the great honor and respect shown at the time of his death.

Burial was made in the family plot at Cuba, N. Y., on Wednesday morning, March 27th, after a Mass of Requiem had been celebrated in the parish church in Cuba, where

Cardinal Praises Columbus Building

Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York City was greatly impressed by the size, beauty and conveniences of the Columbus Building, while he was in Rochester for the consecration of Bishop O'Hern. He was the guest of honor at the consecration dinner served in the Auditorium of the Building to one-thousand people on the day of the consecration, and at the close of the dinner he gave John J. Meinerney, Chairman of the membership campaign then in progress, the following testimonial:

"The joy of my visit to Rochester on the occasion of Bishop O'Hern's consecration has been increased by a view of the Columbus Building. It is most impressive in itself, but also expressive of a high ideal of service. God bless those who had the courage to undertake it and bring it to such a happy completion."

Wayland Church Gets Requests
Margaret Smith Remembers Church Societies in Her Will
Wayland, March 28.—The will of Margaret Smith of this place was admitted to probate by Surrogate McManus in Bath this week, and letters were issued to Jacob S. Yochum. The will makes several bequests to societies of the Catholic Church, including \$100 to the organization for Propagation of the Faith; \$400 to St. Joseph's Church, Wayland; \$500 to the Sisters' Convent, Wayland; \$500 to the Father Baker Home, Buffalo; \$50 to the Church of the Sacred Heart, Perkinsville, for care of cemetery plot.

Other legacies are: Katherine Rechtenwald, Naples, \$1,500; John Denzer, \$500; John S. Yochum, \$2,000; Norbert Yochum, \$500, and the same amount to Anna Denzer and Mrs. Otto Kiefer, Rita Yochum, \$50; Mrs. Phillip Conrad and Gertrude Miller each \$300; Mary Reese, \$200. Half of the residue is bequeathed several nieces and nephews the other half is apportioned among kin of the deceased husband of the testatrix. The estate totals \$10,000 personally and \$5,500 realty.

Father Casey spent his boyhood days. He leaves one sister, Miss Nora E. Casey, as the only immediate relative.

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St. Louis Library Gets Valued Volume
St. Louis, March 28.—An article appearing recently in the Globe Democrat regarding old and valuable manuscripts and books in the St. Louis University Library has resulted in a donation to the institution of another volume of real interest. It is "New Indian Sketches," by Father J. P. De Smet, S. J., published by Sadtler of Barclay Street, N. Y., in 1863. It is the first edition. This volume was given to Father Henry Regnet, S. J., the Librarian, by R. G. Ryan, 75 years old. This book has been in his possession for sixty-six years. As an altar boy he used to serve Father De Smet's Mass at the Church of St. Lawrence O'Toole.

Niagara Club Dance Saturday Evening
Saturday evening of this week the annual Easter dance of the Rochester Undergraduate Club of Niagara University will be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Seneca. Music will be provided by the Midnight Striders' Orchestra of eight pieces.

Charles J. Welch is chairman of the committee in charge. All former Niagara men and their friends, ladies and gentlemen, as well as all friends of the students at Niagara, will be cordially welcomed to the party. Admission tickets may be obtained at the door.