

Knights of Columbus Head Mourns Bishop

In the midst of preparations for the New York State Convention, Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight Dr. Walter B. O'Neill upon receiving word of Bishop O'Hern's death said: "I am deeply shocked at the announcement of the death of Bishop O'Hern. His love, loyalty and guidance at Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, will be a great loss. Personally I have lost a real friend."

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LAST LETTER OF BISHOP O'HERN CONCERNS LAITY

(Continued from Page 1) Hope that this Convention will inspire them with prayer and devotion to carry out the program of "Catholic Action" as outlined by the Holy Father in so many of His Encyclicals.

The National Council of Catholic Men assuming in every possible way the obligation laid down upon laymen by the Holy Father to assist in the Apostolic works of the Church. Its main purpose is to bring about coordinated, cooperative action among all Catholic lay groups. In no way does the N.C.C.M. seek to take the place or to interfere with any properly organized Society or adequately functioning movement. The general purposes of the National Council of Catholic Men are:

- (1) To serve as a channel for the interchange of information and service between the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the laity in their common work for the Church.
(2) To be a central clearing house of information regarding activities of Catholic men and women.
(3) To promote under ecclesiastical supervision unity and cooperation among clergy and laity in matters that affect the general welfare of the Church and of the nation.
(4) To aid existing Catholic organizations to work more effectively in their own localities.
(5) To cooperate in furthering the aims of all approved movements in the interests of the Church and society at large.
(6) To participate through Catholic lay representation in national and international movements involving moral questions.
(7) To bring about a better understanding and a more widespread appreciation of Catholic principles and ideals in our educational, social and civic life.

The major work of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N.C.C.M. in the two years of its existence has been to establish six Nocturnal Adoration Societies. Already the diocesan office has registered proposals in regard to proposed legislation at Albany and Washington.

If the Church is to be successful in combating the forces of paganism, it is to guide the social forces and laws of the nation in accord with Christian principles; the Catholic laity of the country must bear their full share of responsibility and contribute their fair share of effort.

This applies to the Parish, to the Diocese, and the nation. The National Council of Catholic Men is the organization created by the Bishops of the United States to call this great group of Catholic lay men to active service.

The Rochester Diocesan Council is of course only a unit in the national organization, but it has done the work it has been called upon to do in support of the national projects entrusted to the national organization, chief among which is the Catholic Hour, the Catholic Information Bureau and the Legislative Bureau.

Again regretting my inability to be present and asking you to give my warmest personal greetings to the gathering, with the most cordial personal good wishes, I remain devotedly yours in Christ, JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, Bishop of Rochester.

At Ceremonies for the Dead



Bishop O'Hern marches from the Field Mass celebrated at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for the deceased members of Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxiliaries.

Faithful Mourn Death Of Bishop Monday; Dignitaries To Attend Funeral

(Continued from Page 1) of St. John, two organizations in San Francisco, Cal., came a tele which he manifested great concern in standing by the vicar. At 2:30 p.m. Thursday the remains were taken to St. Patrick's Cathedral to lie in state until the Pontifical Mass of requiem, tomorrow at 10 o'clock. The body was escorted by the Knights of St. John and Knights of Columbus from the episcopal residence to the Cathedral. Thursday evening his sorrowing priests gathered to chant the Vespers of the Dead.

High dignitaries of the Church, its priests from the diocese and beyond, prominent citizens of all creeds, city, county and federal officials, heads of Catholic organizations, religious and lay friends with relatives of Bishop O'Hern will tax the capacity of the Cathedral Friday.

The Metropolitan of the Province, His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes will preside at the throne as Ordinary. Assistants at throne: Assistant Priest, Rt. Rev. William M. Hart, Vicar Capitular; Deacons of Honor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy and Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Schellhorn; Chaplain, the Rev. Maurer O'Hern, Charondan, Pa.; Master of Ceremonies, the Rev. John J. Casey, New York; Hook bearer, the Rev. William E. O'Hern, Emporium, Pa.; Candle-bearer, the Rev. Thomas J. Timmons, Buffalo; Mitre-bearer, the Rev. William F. Bergan.

The deceased's William Turner, D.D., will officiate at the funeral Mass. Assisting will be: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Boppel, Chancellor; Deacon of the Mass, the Rev. Thomas J. O'Hern; Subdeacon, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns; Master of Ceremonies, first, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Goggin, D.D.; second, the Rev. Joseph E. Grady, L.L.D.; Assistant Masters, the Rev. Charles R. Reynolds, Vice-Chancellor and the Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, Vice-Chancellor. Minor offices will be filled by students of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The sermon will be preached by the Most Rev. Emmet M. Walsh, D.D., Bishop of Charleston, a graduate of St. Bernard's Seminary and an intimate friend of Bishop O'Hern. The remains will be borne from the episcopal residence to the Cathedral, Thursday by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Goggin and members of the Board of Consultors including: Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar Capitular; the Rt. Rev. Charles F. Shay, the Rt. Rev. George V. Burns, the Rt. Rev. John E. Brophy, the Rt. Rev. John F. Boppel, the Rt. Rev. Joseph S. Cameron, the Rt. Rev. John P. Schellhorn.

Bearers from the Cathedral to the Cemetery will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee, L.L.D., V.F.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Lee, L.L.D., V.F.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Griffin, L.L.D.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James J. Hartley, P.A.; the Very Rev. John A. Conway, V.F.; and the Rev. Francis Luddy.

From all quarters condolences poured into the episcopal residence and the chancery following the announcement of the Bishop's death. From his beloved brother, Colonel Edward P. O'Hern, U.S.A. Presidio,

SYMPATHIES OF ELMIRA GIVEN BY SEVERAL

Elmira Tributes to the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern were paid this week by members of the local Catholic clergy.

Following are the expressions of sympathy and mourning: The Rt. Rev. Monsignor John J. Doyle, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor John J. Doyle, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church, in a letter to the Bishop, expressed his sympathy and mourning. He took a deep interest in Elmira not only in religious but in civic affairs.

The untimely passing of Bishop O'Hern will serve to increase our gratitude for the honors which he conferred upon St. Peter and Paul's Parish. Personally, I am appreciative of his appointment as dean of the Elmira unit and as Monsignor.

The Rev. Arthur C. Smith, pastor of St. Cecilia's Church. The announcement of the death of Bishop O'Hern, while not entirely unexpected, nevertheless comes as a real shock to those who knew him and loved him both as a friend and advisor. He was a man of unusual abilities who never spared himself when or wherever his service as a priest or bishop were demanded. He went ways and solicitude for all endeared him to his priest and people alike. His death occasions a severe loss to the diocese.

The Rev. Anthony J. Richard, pastor of St. Anthony's Church. Italian Catholics of Elmira and the Rochester diocese have lost a dear friend and great leader in the death of Bishop O'Hern. He always had a sincere interest in the welfare of the Italian people and the Italian Catholic churches. St. Anthony's Church will miss his wise counsel and advice.

The Rev. William J. Brien, pastor of St. Patrick's Church. It is difficult even to speak of the loss of our greatly loved Bishop. Associated with him for years at the Cathedral in Rochester, his self-sacrificing service in the life of his simplicity, his great human pity for the suffering, his zeal, made a deep impression on me. His people, his priests, all loved him and honored his deep faith and piety. His kindness has accompanied me all along the way since he first appointed me pastor of St. Patrick's Church here, and his kindly help and advice in every phase of my work among Elmira people have never been wanting.

Cardinal Shocked. The Metropolitan of the Province, His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, was shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the death of your beloved shepherd who consumed as he was by burning zeal wrought in a short time his integrity and enduring faith in the glory of God and salvation of souls. Sorrow of Rochester is the common sorrow of entire Province. I beg you to convey to the clergy, religious and faithful the sincerest sympathies of Catholic New York. May his noble soul rest in peace.

From San Francisco came the following from the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D.D., a close personal friend of Bishop O'Hern: Archbishop Mitry joins with me in cordials to the priests and people of Rochester our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your good Bishop of whom it may be truly said that he exhausted himself for Christ and for Christ's children. The awful distance that separates us makes it impossible for me to be at the funeral but from the distance I can be with you in spirit and pray for you to be happy.

Bishop O'Hern as late as the latter part of last week was contemplating carrying out his program. He had planned to be in New York Tuesday to welcome to the United States, the new Apostolic Delegate, the Rt. Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani upon his arrival in this country. He was looking forward to the convention of the New York State Council Knights of Columbus to be held this week.

K. C. Convention Off. Announcement of the Bishop's death caused the postponement of the Knights of Columbus convention for two weeks. Following a telephonic conference between State Deputy William J. Armstrong of Albany and District Deputy John A. Doyle, chairman of the convention, the proceedings were called off and State officers of the Knights of Columbus will come Friday for the funeral to pay their respects to a real friend of the organization.

Born in Olean, June 8, 1874, Bishop O'Hern was baptized at St. Bonaventure's College Church, Allegany, N. Y. After graduation from St. Mary's Parochial School in Olean and from the Olean High Schools with brilliant scholastic records he entered St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary here. Entering St. Bernard's Seminary his work attracted the attention of Bishop McQuaid and he was sent to the North American College in Rome to complete his theology. He obtained the degree in theology at the Propaganda University and was ordained by the Cardinal Vicar of Rome, February 17, 1901.

On his return to the United States he was appointed assistant pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rochester, and himself is now the solution of all his needs in his realization of the aspirations of his zeal to serve, for he has at last realized the Infinite.

Vice-President Garner Invites K.C. To His Ranch

(By N. C. W. News Service) San Francisco—An invitation to members of the Chicago World's Fair tour party of California Council, No. 880, Knights of Columbus, to be guests at Uvalde, Texas, during a stopover of the special train at that place, has been received from Vice President John M. Garner, in a letter to chairman Chris D. McKon of the tour committee.

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