

Luzon Internes Build 10 Chapels

Bataan — (MC) — The chapels, three large ones and seven small ones, were built by the internes in the Japanese prison camp at Cabanatuan on the Philippine Island of Luzon. Masses were offered daily at 4:30 and 7 a.m., and Holy Communion was distributed at all Masses. Rosary, novenas and other

or devotions were held each evening.

This was disclosed by Sgt. George Gavin, of this city, who has returned home after three years of internment.

"The consolation of attending daily Mass, religious services and receiving the sacraments in the prison camp was responsible for keeping up our morale and gave us the courage to go on living and hoping that some day we would be freed," Sergeant Gavin declared.

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Final Tribute Paid 2 Widely Known Laymen

Death brought to a close the careers of two outstanding Catholic laymen of the diocese, both veterans in Knights of Columbus service, this past week. An outpouring of clergy and laity paid sincere tribute to the memories of William T. Connor and Dr. Walter H. O'Neill at funeral services held as Holy Week opened. (Editorial on Page 11)

Funeral services for William T. Connor, 55, of 800 Culver Road who died March 22, 1945, at his home, were conducted on Monday, March 26, at the home of Mrs. Raymond E. Lehner, 430 Yamato Rd., and at St. John the Evangelist Church.

Solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. John B. Sullivan, assisted by the Rev. Leo Donahue of Albany, Deacon; the Rev. John J. Lavery, Bubbacon, and the Rev. Walter Fleming, master of ceremonies.

Final absolution was imparted by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

In the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burke; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Conroy, the Rev. Lawrence B. Cane, the Rev. John M. Duffy, the Rev. C. J. Kuyk, the Rev. William J. Devineaux, the Rev. M. Joseph East, the Rev. Dr. Charles J. McNamee, the Rev. Frank W. Mason, the Rev. Arthur E. Ratigan, the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn, the Rev. W. Duggan, U.S.A., the Rev. John S. Standish, the Rev. Francis J. Fadda, the Rev. George W. Miller, the Rev. Alexander J. McCabe, the Rev. Patrick A. Kelly, the Rev. Francis A. Kiechammer, the Rev. Eugene N. Golding, Brothers, all Knights of Columbus were: Francis T. Kenney, J. Stoll, Eugene F. Bopp, Henry K. Wheaton, Francis J. Denelly and John J. Kliney.

Mr. Connor, widely known in the fur business and one time member of the firm, Bredel, McNamee and Connor in St. Paul, Minn., was an honorary life member of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus. He joined the order in 1910, the year Rochester Council was organized. For sixteen years he served as Master of the Fourth District, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and was the last to hold that office. He was an Almoner in Old St. Mary's and St. John the Evangelist parishes, surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary F. Connor; five daughters, Nedra, Frances, principal of Our Lady of Mercy High School and Sister M. Elizabeth, principal of St. John the Evangelist's School, both in the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy; Mrs. Raymond F. Laino, Mrs. Robert H. Connor and Mrs. Clayton H. Nordhausen; two sons, Raymond W. Connor and Harold H. Connor, advertising manager, CATHOLIC COURIER.

Funeral services for Mr. Walter S. O'Neill, district deputy of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the senior staff of St. Mary's Hospital were held on Wednesday morning, March 28.

Dr. O'Neill, widely known dentist and honorary layman, died Sunday, March 25, 1945, in St. Mary's Hospital after a two-week illness.

Services were held from the Joseph A. Murphy Funeral Home, 303 Chili Ave. and at St. Peter and Paul's Church.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. J. Emil Galli, assisted by the Rev. Robert F. Pusack and the Rev. Robert Kress.

Final absolution was imparted by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney.

In the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, the Rev. F. William Stauder, the Rev. John M. Duffy, the Rev. John J. Burke, the Rev. William J. Schiessl, the Rev. Gerald C. Lambert, the Rev. John R. Randall, the Rev. Walter A. Fischer, the Rev. James Slattery and the Rev. Charles E. O'Connell.

Survivors were: Grand Knight Francis F. Murray, Cyril J. Stark, Francis J. Donnelly, Elmer W. Lohmann, Dr. Joseph P. Henry and Joseph Merkl.

Delegations were present from the Knights of Columbus and the Legion of Mary, the Sisters of Charity, Sisters of St. Joseph, Daughters of Charity, Alumnae, Fourth Degree, and the National Catholic Community Service Members of the St. Mary's Hospital.

Other survivors included Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, J. O'Connell, Mrs. Louis W. Doyle, Mrs.

JESUIT SEMINARIAN'S MOTHER MENTHOS HOSPITAL VISITOR

Headed "Mystery Story," the following appeared in the February issue of Western World:

There are a lot of things you can't explain; this week however, Archbishop Egan's tenth anniversary may be the time to recall one of them. The Jesuit mother of an Alma theologian recently died at St. Mary's Hospital after a lingering illness. Toward the end she suffered frequent unconscious spells, but always came out of them bright, chipper, cheerful and perfectly normal. One day she said to her daughter:

"The most peculiar thing, Margaret, I saw—Archbishop Hanna today. He was radiant in light, and he smiled at me."

"Yes, dear," Margaret said, "now you be back and rest." And she smiled gently at her and left the room.

The following day, Margaret picked up the Call-Bulletin, and almost fainted. On the front page, with her picture was the headline: ARCHBISHOP HANNA Dies in Home.

The hospital room had been the Archbishop's private suite as long as he was in St. Francis.

St. Francis of Paola

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