

FUNERAL MASS FOR BISHOP CELEBRATES PERSONAL PHYSICIAN

His Excellency Bishop Kearney celebrated Pontifical Requiem Mass today (Jan. 24) in St. Cecilia's Church, New York City, for his life-long friend and personal physician, Dr. Thomas V. Stack.

The prominent New York physician died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage early Tuesday morning at his home on the Country Club Road in the Bronx.

He served on the staffs of Harlem and Misericordia Hospitals. He was physician also to Bishop William T. McCarthy, C.S.S.R., of the Military Ordinate.

During the First World War he served overseas as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the Army.

His friendship with the Bishop of Rochester began years ago at St. Cecilia's parish when as a young medical student he met Bishop Kearney, who was then an assistant curate of the New York Church.

Since his graduation from the Fordham Medical School in 1917 Dr. Stack has been Bishop Kearney's personal physician and through the years one of the Bishop's closest friends.

He visited Rochester with a New York party at the time of Bishop Kearney's installation in 1937 as Ordinary of the Diocese.

Dr. Stack leaves a widow, the former Edna Beckett; three sons, Thomas, Robert and John; a daughter, Ann; three sisters, Mrs. Katherine Riley, Mrs. Nancy Campbell of New York, and Sister Anna Miriam of Danbury, Conn., and two brothers, Dr. John Stack and Dr. Joseph Stack.

Pope Asks Nobility For Cooperation

Rome — (Radio-NC) — The need for cooperation of all citizens, regardless of birth, in the building of a true democracy, was stressed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII when he received members of the Italian nobility here in a traditional New Year's audience.

Addressing them briefly, the Holy Father urged them to the full performance of their civic duties at this time when Italy is formulating a new constitution, and reminded them that no healthful and vital order can be set up in society unless it is built on Christian foundations.

Truman Awards Medal of Honor To Fr. O'Callahan

Washington — (NC) — The Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for valor, was presented to Lt. Charles Joseph Timothy O'Callahan, S.J., Navy chaplain, by President Harry S. Truman at a ceremony in the White House here yesterday.

The event wrote a new chapter in American history, marking the first time that a chaplain in the nation's fighting forces has been so honored.

Father O'Callahan received the award for actions aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin last March 19 when the great ship was blasted and set afire by Japanese dive bombers. Previously he had been awarded the Navy Cross.

Officials of the Navy Department, representatives of the Jesuit community and others from Holy Cross College and Georgetown University, where Father O'Callahan served on the faculties, were present at the ceremony, together with Father O'Callahan's mother, Mrs. Alice E. O'Callahan and other relatives.

Boy Made Bishop Fulfilling Mother Cabrini Forecast



BISHOP-ELECT GRECO

New Orleans — (NC) — "He will become a priest and he will go far in the priesthood."

This prediction was made by Blessed Mother Frances X. Cabrini, foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, whose cause for canonization now is pending at the Holy See. It occurred some years ago when Mother Cabrini was visiting a school here taught by Sisters of her community. She was questioning one of the boys at the school.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" she asked.

"I want to be a priest," he responded.

"That's fine, my boy," she replied. "You preserve and I'll pray for you to be a good priest." She turned to two nuns standing near her and made her prediction.

That boy is now Bishop-elect Charles Pascal Greco, Vicar General of the New Orleans Archdiocese, who will be consecrated Bishop of Alexandria in the St. Louis Cathedral here on February 25.

Milan Prelate Answers Reds

Rome — (RNS) — Alfred Ildefonso Cardinal Schuster, Archbishop of Milan, replied here to Communist charges that a recent pastoral letter by the bishops of Lombardy has created political unrest by condemning Communists.

Writing in the Milan Observatore, Cardinal Schuster asserted that the Bishops' letter was not an attack on Communists, but merely a reminder to Catholics that the Communist attitude toward religion has several times been condemned by the Pope.

"It is not possible to follow Christ and Marx at the same time," Cardinal Schuster declared. "If Italians try to make a compromise between Christ and Marx, the result will be to betray Christ, religion, and the Italian people."

The statement was interpreted as referring to recent events throughout Italy allegedly indicating that the Communists are well supplied with arms and funds.

Fr. Walsh in Prague to Study Reconstruction

Prague — (RNS) — The Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., vice-president of Georgetown University, is expected to arrive here shortly. The Jesuit educator, who is serving as special advisor to Justice Robert H. Jackson, American prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trial, will gather first hand information on reconstruction needs in Czechoslovakia.

Priest Champions Steel Strikers in Broadcast

Pittsburgh — (NC) — The cause of the steelworker was championed by the Rev. Charles O'Connell in a nationwide radio broadcast from Pittsburgh just as the workers walked off their jobs in the widespread steel strike.

"It is not only the economic and social factor but of the moral implications," Father O'Connell told the radio audience of American Catholic priests, calling upon all my brethren of theology, of the Episcopal Conference of the United States to say that the steelworkers are right in proposing to strike and in striking. Their cause is grave and just, they tried to avoid the evil.

"I pray for a last minute settlement, and, failing that, I pray to Almighty God that in the end He will come to the workers' aid, for their fight is the fight of us all; and we advance or go back, as they win or lose."

Father Rice said the steelworker "isn't fighting for anything fancy," but for food, clothing and shelter for himself and his family. He said the worker is "battling for his union" and reminded that before he got the union he did not have a wage raise for more than 25 years.

Spanish Pilgrims Leave For Rome Consistory

Madrid — (RNS) — Pilgrims bound for Rome to attend the forthcoming consistory at which Pope Pius XII will elevate three new Spanish cardinals will leave here on February 3 for Paris to join similar groups accompanying the newly-designated French and English cardinals. The entire party will proceed from Paris in a special train.

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