

# Msgr. Griffin Hails Priests' Divine Reward

"Because of this oneness with God in bringing men to God there is a very special blessedness reserved for priests in heaven," said the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Griffin of Cleveland, president of National Catholic Hospital Association at the Pontifical Requiem Mass yesterday in St. Bernard's Seminary.

The Mass, celebrated by the Most Rev. Walter A. Foor, Bishop of Syracuse, was offered for deceased members of St. Bernard's Seminary Alumni as the formal opening of the Golden Jubilee reunion of the Seminary.

Text of Monsignor Griffin's sermon follows:

"Blessed are they who dwell in thy house O Lord. They shall never see sorrow and weeping." Words taken from the 33rd Psalm, the 34th verse.

As we recall the scenes of our association with them, we assemble to pray for the repose of the souls of our departed alumni, faculty, and the great bishop who made all of this possible. We draw aside the veil of parting years and grants again companionship with those who entered our lives in the springtime of youth when the living saints of God's grace were nourishing our vocations. In the company of Saints each cherished friend of long ago looks with us today in the seminary chapel. In their Requiem Mass, we, the living salute the dead.

In ordination they had taken the Lord as the portion of their inheritance and in the complexities of that ordination, I saluted little boys many of their years would be finding their way of reaching security, they knew that the Master in whose vineyard and by whose side they labored would set the task.

With their shining walls they had accepted the challenge to enter the lists of mortal combat against the world, the flesh and the devil, and the host of demons of the modern world. They were the modern knights of the faith, the modern crusaders, the modern knights of the faith, the modern knights of the faith, the modern knights of the faith.

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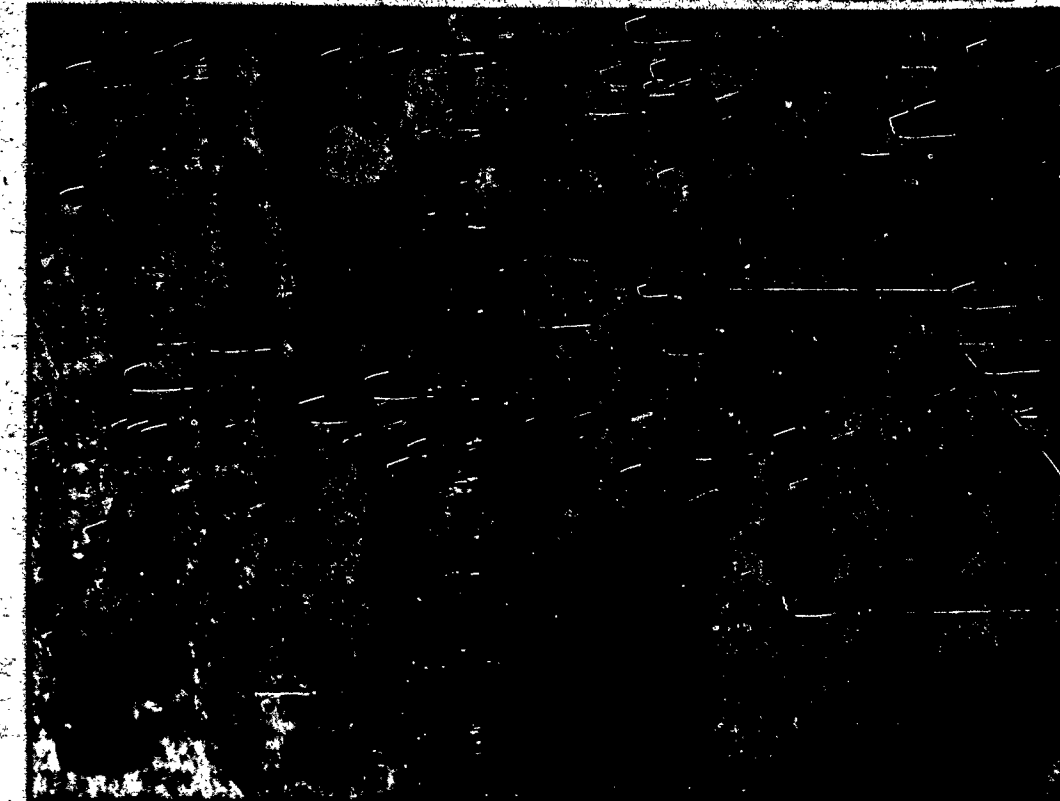
And so it happens that the call from the vineyard for a man and come in the lengthening shadows of the sunset of life, it may come with dramatic suddenness in the prime of sacerdotal manhood when the birds of hope are still booming fair and the fragrance of achievement will gladden every passing hour.

But whenever it comes, it is always the same for the priest. For him the Lord has said, "There are a priest for ever—a priest in life and in death. Oh, marvelous mystery of the divine vocation. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and have appointed you that you may go forth and that you should bring forth fruit and your fruit shall remain. I, the Great High Priest, have taken you away, have selected you from among men and have endowed you with the sacerdotal power which

# ALUMNI GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION SCENES AT ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY



Bishop Foor of Syracuse is shown as he officiated at the Pontifical Requiem Mass for deceased alumni. At the left is the Rev. Dr. Edward J. Lynch, Decatur; The Rt. Rev. Msgr. David Cunningham, Syracuse Vicar General, and the Rev. James Collins, student, are shown at the right.



Here is a general view of the Seminary chapel as Edward Cardinal Mooney leaves following the Requiem Mass. In the foreground is the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Rochester Vicar General and a member of the Class of 1911. Priests from all parts of the country attended the ceremonies.

you must act in my place, the eternal priest, I have taken you into a most intimate association with myself as My successor. My human spirit to carry out on earth the divine plan for the redemption of the world. I have authorized you to preach in the language of men. My gospel of salvation I have elevated you to the altar that you may offer an acceptable sacrifice for the living and for the dead. I have chosen you to preside in My name in the courts of law and in the courts of conscience and in the administration of My sacraments. I have empowered you to draw on the treasury of heaven to help My people."

Because of this oneness with God in bringing men to God, there is a very special blessedness reserved for priests in heaven. Of course we all appreciate that as our lives here on earth although all ends in the fragment, the rewards will be in proportion to the work of the laborer that was given.

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heaven, have already gone to claim their inheritance, and await his coming; many of those who resolved in his absolutions it was no more, have already gone to enjoy the things that God has prepared for those who love Him, and await his coming; many of those whom he made happy in the fullness of the wonderful three-fold gift that God gave them on their nuptial morning, now watch over their children's children from heaven, and await his coming; many of those he instructed in justice, his converts, those he prepared for their first communion, those he taught in school, those he already sent to the God he taught them to love, and wait his coming; many of those who shared his untold and long-forgotten sorrows, those he lifted up when they were down and almost out, those he snatched from the brink of his timely intercession, give credit to him and await his coming; these, the innumerable through, associates, friends, benefactors, benefactresses, penitents, participants, those he instructed daily, all who have gone before with the sign of faith, and await his coming. This noble company of the friends of God are the friends as well. This triumphant army of the dead, confirmed in life, at least to some extent through his priestly ministrations, await his coming and welcome him into heaven.

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Here are the representatives of the American hierarchy at the Requiem Mass. From left to right: Bishop John Boylan, Rochester; Bishop James P. Kearney, Rochester; Edward Cardinal Mooney, Detroit; Bishop Walter A. Foor, Syracuse; Bishop Emmanuel Walsh, Charleston, S. C., and Bishop Thomas Guinan of Reno, Nevada. Other priests were in attendance at the various jubilee ceremonies.

## 400 PRIESTS ATTEND SEMINARY REUNION

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A jubilee banquet this noon at the Hotel Seneca crowned the three-day celebration. Most of the guests were the Rev. Edward J. McPherson, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rochester.

**Sale of Abbey To Catholics Hit**  
London — (UPI) — Rank of the Church of England to sell Fountains Abbey, Yorkshire, for restoration as a Catholic monastery were protested here by the Protestant Alliance, which presented an opposing petition at the Prime Minister's residence, 10 Downing Street.

## Importance of Priesthood Stressed by Bishop Walsh

Preaching at the Pontifical Mass celebrated in the Sacred Heart Cathedral today as part of the St. Bernard's Seminary Alumni Jubilee, Bishop Emmett Walsh of Charleston, an alumnus, explained the importance of the priesthood.

"The Mass was offered by His Excellency Bishop Kearney. The importance of the priesthood of Christ is stressed in its sanctity and responsibility," explained Bishop Walsh.

St. Bernard's Seminary was dedicated in 1833 by Bishop Edward J. McPherson. Because of the war the 50th anniversary of the 1843 was not observed by the alumni until this year.

Among the members of the silver jubilee class of 1921 attending the Golden Jubilee reunion were: (front row left to right) Rev. John J. Hanawake, Youngstown, O.; Rev. Msgr. Martin F. Kearney, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. Herman J. Koch, Kansas City, Kan. (back row, left to right) Rev. Dennis D. Dillon, Albany; Rev. Edwin O'Brien, Fall River, Mass.; and Rev. John F. Tapp, Albany.



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## DEFENSE BILL

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