

Father Leo Smith's Sermon at Requiem Mass for Father William W. Heisel, Pastor of Holy Family

This is the text of the sermon delivered by the Rev. Leo V. Smith, pastor of Holy Family of Good Counsel Church, Rochester, at the Requiem Mass for the Rev. William W. Heisel in Holy Family Church, Friday, Apr. 21, 1950.

FOR WHICH you, wishing to build a castle in the air, are not being able to finish, all the builders should begin to rebuild it, saying: "This man began to build and was unable to finish."

Or what king, when he goes to encounter another king in war, will first sit down and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand men to meet the one who is advancing against him with twenty thousand?

EVERY CHILD of God, every follower of Jesus Christ, is faced with the obligation of building in his soul a dwelling place for the Lord Christ, where God may dwell in peace.

A man must be ready to give up many things in order that he may keep his soul in the holy state of grace, where the Lord abides with pleasure.

A priest of God is not to build in his soul a castle, where the Lord may dwell in the greatest possible dignity and honor. There will be an eagle with outstretched wings, the emblem of Christ may not force an entry. The building of the soul will make very great expense, and he must not build it unless he renounces everything that he has.

But the Lord is not content that his chosen disciple, his priest, should stop at the building of a castle. His will is to go forth to war. The warfare will be against enemies who are powerful and numerous. He must count the cost of leading his people to certain victory against those who outnumber them.

In the name of Christ, by the banner of Christ, he will be victor, when the Lord places, at his ready to renounce all that he has, if he is not contented by personal arms and valiant. Let us be all for Christ, Christ will be all for him, and he and his people will triumph in victory.

THOSE OF US who know Father Heisel best, are certain that through all his life, as a seminarian, and as a priest, he fulfilled the desire of his Lord and Master.

He did make of his soul a castle for the King of Heaven and Earth. He did give up every selfish seeking after honor or pleasure, in order that he might sanctify his own soul and lead the people entrusted to him to a state of

grace and in final glory in heaven. He set his hand to the plow, and never turned back.

Everyone who has been present at the ceremony of ordination to the holy priesthood knows that there is no solemnity to excel that of the time when the candidates for Holy Orders prostrate themselves in the sanctuary while the choir chants above their prostrate forms the Litany of the Saints. Then, if ever we know that we are members of a glorious Church.

Then we realize the meaning of St. Paul "Christ loved the Church, and delivered himself up for it. That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." The Church of today to Christ who is its Head, to Mary the Mother of God, to St. Joseph the great Protector of the Family of Christ to all the holy Apostles, to the martyrs whose blood, poured out in love, speaks with such a loud voice, to all the faithful confessor and virgins. It is indeed a glorious Church, and the Lord has adorned it with the virtues of countless saints.

IT IS DURING this prostration that the candidate for the priesthood makes the choice which Christ's first Apostles made, the choice of the long line of sainted bishops and priests throughout the years of the Church, the choice to dwell all his days in the sanctuary of the Living God. It is in that hour that the young man chooses with St. Paul, to be nailed to the Cross with Christ, his Lord.

It was in that hour on the day of his ordination, now almost thirty-four years ago, that we saw Father Heisel arise, entirely dedicated and consecrated to the service of his Heavenly King. And we know that he found that the yoke of the Lord is sweet and His burden light.

Because this good priest was generous with the Lord, giving to Him his wholehearted love and service, God was more than generous with him. God placed in his priestly hands many great works, and favored him with abundant grace to carry them out in the building up of the Church of God in whatever place he labored.

Whether it was the building of a school in Wayland, or the consolidating of all the works of this great Parish of the Holy Family, he has done all these things exceedingly well. He has taken before his Lord and Judge a full account of many works well done, temporal works as well as those spiritual goods which will never pass away.

IT MIGHT seem to us that God has called Father Heisel out of his labors in the Holy Church while he was still in the full flower of his manly priesthood, while he was still able and willing to do many things for the glory of God and the welfare of souls.

I am sure that the members of Father's family, that this congregation which loved him and revered him for his priestly goodness and we his friends in the priesthood, will all bow our heads before the host and besign will of God the Father of us all who loves us all. The measure of days for these priests living in going to be a hundred fold will measure heaped up and stacked down.

WE LIKE to recall the day when John the Baptist stood at the edge of the desert preaching of penance and of the coming of the kingdom of God and seeing Christ approaching, he said to his disciples: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world." And two of the disciples of the Baptist heard these words and followed him.

And Jesus turning said to them: "What seek you?" They said: "Master, where dwellest Thou?" He said to them: "Follow me and see." As they followed they saw that the Lord had no fixed abode. The birds of the air had their nests; the foxes their dens; but the Son of Man had no where to lay his head. Therefore he went about doing good, ever merciful and good, and he needed there. He made His dwelling.

Those two disciples never could have dreamed that day that the following of Christ would lead them to the Garden where on that blessed night they would hear the Angel: "Take ye and eat this. It is My Body. Do this for a commemoration of Me."

THEY COULD NOT have dreamed of the day when the risen Lord would come to him in the same Garden and breathe on him, saying: "Receive the Holy Ghost, whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."

They did not dream of a day in that same upper room, when the house should be shaken and there should be the roaring of a mighty wind, and they should be parted company, as of fire descending upon them, to fill them with the power of the Holy Spirit of God.

No Father Heisel started out in his following of the Lord, timidly, humbly, reverently. He prayed earnestly, he studied well, he was always subject to discipline of his superiors, and the Lord in His goodness, led him on to the day when he was powerful in word and in deed for the extending of Christ's kingdom upon Earth.

Now the Lord has called him to Himself while he was still in the fullness of priestly powers. Blessed by the Will of God who is goodness itself to his children, to His disciples, from generation unto generation.

TODAY, AS WE take part

a tribute of devotion to a departed friend and priest, we ought to fix our gaze with awe upon the form of Jesus Christ our Lord on the Cross. For during those hours the mystery of mercy and goodness is accomplished.

During that first hour as He suffers and pays the price for the death of the world, He is given a name above all names, the name of Jesus, the name which all those in Heaven are gathered together in His Name.

A second hour He suffers and prays and He asks for the Church's prayers with ever more fervent desire. He asks that the sacraments be administered to the sick and dying, and that the prayer be said for the souls of the departed.

St. Paul tells us that he and his brethren were as a load of lead upon his neck. He said: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." He said: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."

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Toward Industrial Peace - We Need A New Charter

By Rev. Richard M. McKee, S.J.

In 1789 our forefathers gave us the constitution of the United States, our cherished heritage of liberty. It was the work of men gifted with the highest intelligence and noblest character of their time. It was the work of men who were not only men of the highest intelligence and noblest character of their time, but who were also men of the highest intelligence and noblest character of their time.



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Not without reason did the great British statesman, Gladstone, proclaim it to be "the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

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