

Msgr. Edward Lyons Dies; Funeral At Pro-Cathedral

(Continued from Page 1) Among souvenirs he brought back were a wood-carved statue of St. Andrew which he obtained in Amalfi, Italy, where the saint is buried, a piece of the veil worn by St. Bernadette as a nun and several rosaries personally blessed by Pope Pius.

ON HIS RETURN he expressed himself as greatly impressed particularly with the piety of pilgrims to Lourdes. Confessing recent homesickness, he said he had been deeply touched by a telegram he received from the senior graduates of St. Andrew's Seminary, the first seminary graduation he had missed in his 20 years at the institution.

Since his return from the trip last July, the Monsignor had given many talks on his European journeys before Catholic groups.

Not even the European trip could turn his mind from his "first love" the Seminary. When interviewed at St. William's home on arrival home he said he would rather talk about the progress of construction of the new seminary building which then was rising in the area behind the Buffalo Road house.

CONTINUALLY interested in the lives of all students who came to the minor seminary, Monsignor Lyons had been a close friend and a counsellor for many young priests.

His interest in students also extended to those who did not go on to the priesthood. Some years ago he organized the St. Andrew's Lay Fraternity, an active group of former seminarians who conduct regular monthly meetings and take an active part in many Catholic activities.

Monsignor Lyons is survived by five brothers - Leo V., William T., Donald J., Francis G. and John R., all of Rochester; two sisters - Irene (Mrs. Charles Burr) and Mary (Mrs. Stanley Carr), of Rochester; several nieces and nephews, as well as several cousins in Ireland.

While in Vatican City, Monsignor Lyons ordered a five-foot-high mosaic, to depict Our Mother of Good Council, which will hang behind the tabernacle in the chapel of the new Seminary building.

Highlights of his 12-week pilgrimage included an audience with the Pope, celebration of Masses in St. Peter's, a visit to the Lourdes Shrine in France, a tour of Catholic education institutions in England, and a visit with relatives in Moore, County Roscommon, Ireland.

In Ireland he celebrated Mass in the little church where his father was baptized, and through second cousin, a Missionary Father of the Sacred Heart, met seven other distant relatives whom he never had known.

N. D. Gets \$2 Million

Notre Dame, Ind. (NC)—A record number of donors contributed more to the University of Notre Dame in 1949 than in any other year during its history. The Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, (S.C.), university president announced that 8,675 donors contributed a total of \$1,924,518.77 to the University in 1949 for building and other funds. This includes one gift of \$1,000,000. In addition, Notre Dame received \$407,305.70 in Research Fellowships and grants, and gifts of capital valued at \$281,200.

Mass Held In Knitting Mill

St. Jerome, Que., Canada (NS)—Members of the new St. Marcelle Roman Catholic parish attended Mass in the Regent Knitting Mills here.

The new parish was started because three other Catholic churches here were overcrowded. But the St. Marcelle church won't be ready until June.

When the pastor, Father Albert Lemay, told Hyman Grover, president of the Regent Knitting Mills, of his predicament, Mr. Grover, who is also the president of Temple Emmanuel Congregation in Westmount, suggested that Masses be celebrated right in the plants.

A section of one floor was closed off and its weaving equipment moved elsewhere. Then an altar was set up in the vacated space. St. Marcelle's parishioners expect to hear Masses at the factory-church until June.

Fr. Peyton Starts New Rosary Crusade

Kingston, Ont. (NC)—Rev. Patrick Peyton, CSC, is conducting a mammoth Family Rosary Crusade this month in the Archdiocese of Kingston and Toronto, the Diocese of Peterborough and Hamilton, and the Ukrainian Exarchate of Eastern Canada.

There will be huge rallies, or organization meetings, films and radio broadcasts.

Chaplain Reports Religious Life At Elmira School

Religious devotions draw big congregations in Elmira Reformatory chapel. The Rev. Major Francis J. Lane, Catholic chaplain of the institution for more than 25 years, reveals in his annual report.

THE VETERAN chaplain said that attendance at the perpetual novena in honor of St. John Bosco has been "very good" and that an average of 207 confessions was heard weekly during the past year in addition to regular Sunday observance and the usual Lenten services.

Of 283 Catholics paroled from the institution, a record 91 per cent had returned to the practice of their religious duties during their incarceration, according to the chaplain's report.

Monsignor Lane made five trips during the year to New York City to interview the parents of inmates a practice he has maintained over the years. He talked to about 450 parents and continued his follow-up work with the paroled, interviewing 145 who are now on parole.

ACCORDING to his report on the Reformatory, 34 of the men admitted during the past year claimed to be members of the Catholic Church, and of these 46 or about 10 per cent claimed to have attended Church regularly.

A hundred and ninety six admitted they never attended Church while another 102 claimed they went occasionally. Only 49 attended a Catholic School and went above the sixth grade.

The number who never went to a Catholic school was 210 and the others attended both Catholic and public schools. Thirty-one never made their first Holy Communion and 51 had never been confirmed. Of the 31 married, only 4 had been married by a Catholic priest.

Sixty-four per cent came from broken homes - homes where either one or both parents are deceased, separated or divorced. Parents of 51 were not living together and several of these have married again.

COVERS PARISH BY PLANE



Rev. Ambrose Hohrbacher (above), of Waynesville, N. C., pilots this plane, "St. John," with which he covers his eight-county mission parish in North Carolina's Great Smoky Mountains.

Actor's St. Jude Statue Wins Charwoman Friend

London (NC)—A woman of 82, mother of nine children, traveled out from her home in North London to London airport to say goodbye to the man who had become almost another son to her.

Danny Thomas, noted American comedian, in London Danny liked Italian prepared food. Every Wednesday after the matinee she would prepare spaghetti or ravioli for him, just as he liked it.

BEFORE HE left, Danny went shopping in Regent street in London's West End. At the London airport he pushed his way through the bobby-soxers crowd round his car, kissed Mrs. Jefferies soundly on the cheek and presented her with a gold cross and chain, with a note scribbled on the wrapping paper.

"With love to Amy, from her boy, Danny Thomas." Before boarding the plane Danny told reporters, "Mrs. Jefferies looked after me like a mother." And Mrs. Jefferies herself commented "He seemed a lonely homesick boy. He was like a son to me."

House Plans Protest On Irish Partition

Washington (NC)—House Majority Leader John W. McCormack and Representative John E. Fogarty were among a large group of witnesses who asked the House Foreign Relations committee to frame legislation protesting the partition of Ireland.

Czech Kids Pray To Stalin As 'God' of State Religion

Vienna (NC)—Czechoslovak communism has pushed its tenacles into every phase of education. These tenacles, reports indicate, are now being tightened to bring the entire educational setup in to a propaganda outlet for communism.

In their efforts to seize the minds of children for Marxism, the "Reds" seem fired with an enthusiasm that vies with the zeal of many ardent followers of the Gospel.

For the "Reds" communism is the way to bring "salvation" to the child. In one of his Sunday broadcasts a communist Minister of Education Zdenek Nejedly declared, "We must save the souls of children at any price."

Even at the age of three a child in Czechoslovakia is indoctrinated in communism. The methods at times are naive.

ONE STORY is related of how a teacher in an orphanage told the children to recite the Our Father, adding "Let us see dear children if God really exists and if He will immediately answer our prayers."

Theologian Dies In Rome at 67

Rome (RNS)—The Most Rev. Mariano Cordovani, O.P., personal theologian to Pope Pius XII and regarded as one of the most learned members of the Roman Catholic Church died here at the age of 67.

In addition to his office as Master of the Apostolic Palace, Father Cordovani was consultant of the Vatican Secretariate of State, the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, the Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, and the Sacred Congregation of Sacraments.

An outstanding expert on questions involving Church doctrine, Father Cordovani was often called upon to write articles for Osservatore Romano.

Philippine Pilgrims Manila, P. I. (RNS)—Bishop Mariano Madriga of Lingayen, headed a group of 41 pilgrims, who left here by plane for a Holy Year visit to Rome.

Young Workers Group Praised

London (NC)—In a special message to delegates of the Young Christian Workers, meeting in two special study weekends at Bradford in Yorkshire and at Oxford, His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, wrote:

"The Church is proud of her working youth and you may be proud of your vocation and your faith... Your movement aims at providing you with the training you require if you are to play your full part in the life of the Church and in the life of your country."

"It is a movement for the total education of the young worker, and by this I mean that through the YCW you are able to discover the full relevance of your Catholic Faith and all the problems of your life and of your work, to discover your vocation as apostles amongst your fellow workers."

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