

Sermon Delivered At Father Fischer's Mass

This is the text of the sermon delivered by the Rev. Joseph B. Cullery, procurator of St. Bernard's Seminary at the funeral Mass offered for the Rev. Walter A. Fischer in St. Joseph's Church, Livonia, March 14, 1952.

"Being made perfect in a short space, he fulfilled a long time for his soul pleased God; therefore God hastened to bring him out of the midst of his griefs." Wis. 17:23

Dear beloved in Christ: Of all the callings of men, there is none more sublime than that of the priest. A priest, while yet a man, stands between God and his followers to dispense the eternal mysteries. A priest, whose lips are daily purpled with the precious blood of Christ, whose hand is lifted in abolution of sin, whose tongue teaches Christ and Him crucified, gives his whole being to his flock.

Like Mary his Mother, he carries the body of Jesus, he offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the living and the dead. He is the custodian of God's grace and the dispenser of it to men.

LEAVES MOST precious possession, sanctifying grace, comes to us at the hands of the priest; in Baptism he makes us children of God; in Penance he restores us to friendship with God; and in the Eucharist he brings the living God to each of us. By his teaching and instructions, he makes us realize our duties and obligations, and counsel and encourage us to a better life. At our last moment, he is with us to offer the consolation of the last sacraments of the Church and to send us safely on our journey into eternity.

Truly, the dignity of the priest is beyond compare, for no other person in the world possesses such great power.

His work at Camp Stella Maria, before and after ordination, in Auburn, Hornell, as Diocesan C.Y.O. Director and in this parish, stands as a record, and certainly is written with golden letters in the Book of Life.

YET HIS LABORS were not exclusively with young people; for the elderly, he had great respect and devotion, of this, we have concrete evidence, for by reason of his position, he was able to exemplify it at every moment of every day and was never found deficient.

He was patient and quiet in bearing the crosses that God sent him. There is no one that does not, at some time, bear a cross to prove his mettle before the Almighty. We, perhaps, are surprised to learn that his illness had lasted for the past five years. He suffered great physical pain, but he never complained, even to his closest friends but went about his tasks to the very end.

The world has its own standards to measure the accomplishment of men. The Creator measures only in terms of eternal values. Father Fischer has no great holdings, to his credit, no memorial in brick and mortar, but he has left a lasting monument in the hearts of those whom he served so well.

The death of a priest is always a shock to his friends and the people he faithfully served. The shock quickly passes and the dead priest is all too soon forgotten. Is it because, in life, he lived so intimately with the Divine, that, in death, we feel it is not necessary to remember him in our prayers?

The priest is a mortal man, subject to disease and death as are all the sons and daughters of Adam. His death should make us think of fleeting time and endless eternity, of God's judgment and human frailty. We claim we loved him in life, let us not forget him in death.

TO HIS PARENTS, we say a special word, by your direction, counsel, guidance and your example, your son learned in life to love God. It was by your prayers and sacrifices that he was led to the altar and became a priest of God. Do not grieve, he was a good son to you and to his heavenly Father; he simply goes before you to prepare a place for you in his Father's House.

TO HIS BROTHER, relatives, friends and the people of this parish we extend our sincerest sympathy, you have lost one who loved you and whom you loved, you have lost a good priest.

Final Rites Conducted For Father Fischer

(Continued from Page 1) Beecher Sullivan and the Rev. John F. Woloch, deacons of honor; the Rev. Leslie G. Whalen, deacon; and the Rev. Austin E. Hanna, subdeacon. Classmates filled other offices of the Mass. The Rev. John E. Mansy was master of ceremonies.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G., imparted the final blessing in the pleasa plot, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Father Fischer is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fischer and his brother, Ellwood Fischer.

BEFORE TAKING over as administrator at Livonia in 1949, he served as director of Social Action Division, Catholic Charities, directed youth work in Columbus Civic Center and was diocesan director of Boy Scouts and director of Camp Stella Maria.

He also served as assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn and as first director of Camp Columbus near Auburn, as well as assistant at St. Ann's Church, Hornell.

Also attending the Solemn Pontifical Mass were Monsignor Hart, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eick, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Crough, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John M. Duffy, the Very Rev. James C. McAniff, Chancellor of the diocese and the Very Rev. John S. Randall.

OTHER PRIESTS attending were the Reverend Fathers Edward M. Scheid, Francis C. Waterstrat, Leo A. Jones, Frederick G. Strub, Roy B. Murphy, Thomas M. Reddington, John A. Reddington, J. Joseph O'Connell, Paul Murley, John J. Steger, Joseph G. Merkel, Peter T. Jamkowski, Raymond M. Wuest, Orin W. Feller, J. N. Margaret, Thomas F. Brennan, Ralph F. Neegh.

The Reverend Father Charles W. Boyle, Donald J. Mulcahy, John E. McCarthy, Arthur E. Radigan, E. Charles Bauer, William Lammers, Richard C. Nangle, Paul E. Tuttle, Robert A. Dobbertin, Michael J. Krag, Charles P. Hilbert, M.M. Robert J. Fox, Dominic Grasso, Raymond J. Wahl, Richard Torrey, Lawrence E. Ward, Elmer J. McDonald, Patrick J. Flynn, Albert J. Geiger, Raymond F. Moore.

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'St. Peter's Barque' Only Ship Flying Pope's Flag

Vatican City — (NC) — Apparently the only ship that the Vatican intends to have in the immediate future is the same one it has always had: the Barque of St. Peter's.

This is the impression gained from well-informed officials in Vatican circles who discussed speculations in the Roman press about the possibility of the Vatican City flag soon flying from sea-going vessels.

Speculations began last October when a decree published in Acta Apostolicae Sedis, official organ of the Holy See, established the legal principle that Vatican City State has the right to operate its own fleet and maintain its own ship registry.

Now again, as last October, informed persons insisted that the immediate purpose of this decree, issued by the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State, was legal in character, but that no immediate steps were contemplated to put the principle into practical effect.

It was then pointed out that the principle would have practical value in case of another war when the Vatican, being a neutral, could operate ships under its own flag and would be in better position to obtain necessary sup-

False Accuser Prostrates To Ask Priest's Pardon

Mexico City — (NC) — The Rev. Miguel A. Pardini, Jesuit missionary ousted by the Chinese Reds, related that one of his accusers later flung himself at his feet to ask pardon.

Father Pardini was ousted from China in December of last year and told about the dramatic plea for pardon by one of his accusers, a Christian, upon his arrival here. The missionary said there were nine Christians among the accusers who charged him with various "crimes."

Shortly before he was to be escorted from China by the Reds, Father Pardini related, this Christian came to his cell. "He flung himself to the ground, kissing my feet, weeping and asking pardon," the priest said. "Between sobs, he took from his purse a little gift for the journey."

"I came because I did not want you to go without my having asked your pardon," the missionary quoted the man as saying. "You were a true father to me and my family."

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(Continued from Page 1) Raymond J. Welschberger, S.V.D., Edward A. Shannon, Albert J. Shannon, Leo J. Matuszewski, Frank H. Turner, Daniel McCarthy, John M. Ball, Joseph M. McDonnell, Charles E. Muckle, Joseph D. Donovan, Francis W. Harding, George V. Fritzsche, Louis J. Bohman, John P. Norris, Henry A. Atwell, John H. Crowley, Maynard A. Connell, Edward E. Steinkirchner, Dominic Moeckelvicus.

The Reverend Fathers Thomas F. McVeigh, Francis W. Luddy, Lawrence W. Gannon, Vincent P. Collins, Herbert L. Sturmer, Edward J. Eschrich, John Treacy, Harold F. Rogers, Richard Stanton, Charles R. Reynolds, Alphonse P. Crummen, John Kleintjes, John Cavanaugh, William M. Cannon, Bernard C. Hanna, Joseph L. Hogan, Lawrence W. Sanson, Donald J. Murphy, William H. Shannon, Michael P. O'Brien, Patrick J. Grace, Daniel V. Hogan, Eugene H. McFarland, Gerald L. Amann.

THE REVEREND FATHERS John C. O'Connell, John J. Burke, comb, Bernard C. Newcomb, John L. Maxwell, John C. Newcomb, Bernard C. Newcomb, John Walsh, John Murphy, William J. Gaynor, Gregory Dugan, Edward J. Lutz, Thomas Lavin, S.V.D., Louis W. Edelman, John S. Hayes, Charles J. McCarthy, Otto J. Vogt, Edward Zimmer, William H. Schifferl, Gerald Dunn, William Thomas, John Coonan.

The Reverend Fathers James Slattery, Jerome Schifferl, William J. O'Brien (Rochester), Thomas Manley, Michael J. Tydings, James C. Lane, Francis M. Feehey, and William J. O'Brien (Livonia).

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45,000 Nursing Sisters in Germany

Freiburg, Germany — (NC) — Approximately 45,000 Catholic Sisters are now engaged in hospital work throughout Germany, according to a survey by Caritasverband, German national association of Catholic charities. They attend to patients occupying a total of 186,253 beds.

Another purely speculative aspect of the matter has now been presented by a prelate who said it would be truly fitting and proper for the Pope to be able to send his Legate aboard a ship flying the Papal flag to Catholic congresses meeting overseas.

The Legate and his staff would then be able, the prelate said, to arrive at their destination as representatives of the Pontiff aboard the Pope's own ship, and not as commercial passengers.

Samuel Walker London — (NC) — A pioneer of the Catholic press in Britain, Samuel Walker, of Hinchey, Leicestershire, has died at the age of 75.

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