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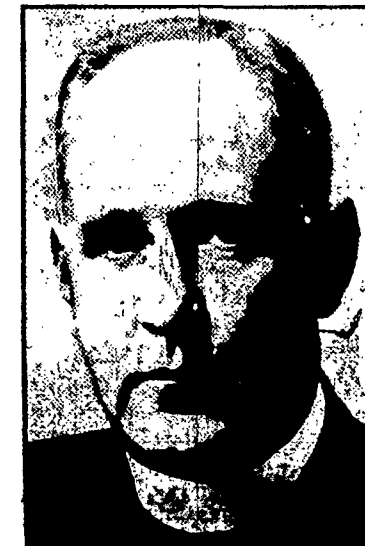
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Rev. John Smith Requiem Held In St. Mary's, Corning

Corning — Pontifical Requiem Mass was offered here Wednesday morning (Jan. 21, 1953) for the Rev. John A. Smith, pastor of St. Mary's Church, who died unexpectedly Sunday afternoon (Jan. 18, 1953) in the rectory at the age of 64.



REV. JOHN A. SMITH

Celebrant of the Mass here in the parish church was His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney, His Excellency Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, a seminary classmate of the deceased, was present in the sanctuary.

Burial took place in the Priests' Circle in St. Mary's Cemetery here. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Brien, Dean of Elmira, assisted by the Rev. John J. Tressy, nephew of Father Smith, led the final prayers of Absolution at the grave.

THE REV. Robert F. McNamara, professor of St. Bernard's seminary, who delivered the funeral sermon, described Father Smith as "another Christ."

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"You and I know many things about Father Smith which would justify our calling him a good shepherd who knew his sheep and who loved them in Christ," Father McNamara told those present.

He cited Father Smith's kindness to all, his love of children, and his charity. "He spent so little on himself and so much on others that when he fell ill two years ago, he actually could not afford to pay for the medical care which he needed," Father McNamara revealed.

He concluded with an appeal for Father Smith's friends and acquaintances to imitate "his cheerful and Christian disposition."

FATHER SMITH was born in the parish of Jamestown, County Kilkenny, Ireland, on Oct. 6, 1888, son of Jeremiah and Mary Campion Smith. He came to America in 1902 and went to Ithaca, where he finished parochial school at Immaculate Conception parish.

After preparatory studies at St. Andrew's Seminary, he went on to theology at St. Bernard's and was ordained a priest on June 10, 1916.

Father Smith served as assistant pastor of Holy Apostles Church in Rochester from June 23, 1916 to July 5, 1921, and at St. Mary's, Corning from July 5, 1921 to June 29, 1935.

He was then made pastor of St. Michael's Church at Livonia Center and at St. Mary's Church, Honeoye. On June 29, 1935, Father Smith was transferred to the pastorate of St. Patrick's Church, Danville.

AS ASSISTANT pastor of St. Mary's Church, Corning, he had served under the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Griffin. When the latter was appointed pastor-emeritus of St. Mary's by Bishop Kearney, Father Smith succeeded him as pastor and returned to

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'Our' St. John Fisher Church Rises In 'Old Rochester'



ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH—This attractive memorial church to ST. JOHN FISHER is now under construction in the martyr-bishop's honor in the City of Rochester, England. Construction of the church was made possible through the generosity of Catholics in this New World Diocese of Rochester (N.Y.). In response to an appeal of HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP JAMES E. KEARNEY, Catholics here contributed \$30,000 to build this ST. JOHN FISHER memorial church in Rochester, England, where there has been no Catholic Church for 400 years.

Stock Exchange Gives Salute To Cardinal McIntyre

Rome — (NC) — Among the countless messages received by His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre congratulating him on his elevation to the Cardinalate was one from his colleagues on the day when he worked in a Wall Street brokerage firm.

"Members and officers of the New York Stock Exchange, as well as the entire financial community, were thrilled and honored by the Holy Father's selection of an alumnus of the financial community to be a Prince of the Roman Catholic Church," it said. "On their behalf and our own we offer you sincerest and most respectful wishes for a long life of service to God, to Church and to country."

The cable was signed "Richard M. Crooks, Chairman; G. Keith Funston, President, New York Stock Exchange."

The Archbishop of Los Angeles once was an office manager in a brokerage firm in New York.

'Be Ready To Shed Blood For Faith,' Pope Tells Cardinals Receiving 'Red Hat'

Vatican City — (NC) — Each Cardinal was told that the Red Hat meant he must be prepared even for "shedding blood for the exaltation of the Holy Faith" as he received this symbol of his new dignity in St. Peter's Basilica here.

This standard language of the ceremonial took on new meaning at this public consistory as the new Cardinals realized that one member of the Sacred College was held in a Hungarian jail and one of their new colleagues was under virtual house arrest in Yugoslavia. The imposition of the Red Hat—never to be worn again—on 17 new Cardinals was the high point of the public and colorful ceremony.

AS EACH OF THE new Cardinals bowed before His Holiness Pope Pius XII, the Pontiff placed the "galero" on the Cardinal's head with these words:

"To the praise of Almighty God and the honor of the Apostolic See receive this Red Hat, the singular distinction of the cardinalial dignity, which signifies that you must prove yourself intrepid even to the shedding of blood for the exaltation of the Holy Faith, for the peace and tranquillity of the Christian people, and for the growth and position of the Roman Church, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

As the Pope called on each of the new Cardinals for this "intrepid" defense of the Faith, they were aware of the fates of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, imprisoned Primate of Hungary, and Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac, the Archbishop of Zagreb who has been barred from the exercise of his office by the Tito regime.

AMONG THE 17 receiving the Red Hat was His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles. Several of the new Cardinals were absent. Two from communist countries—Cardinal Stepinac and Stefan Cardinal Wysynski, Primate of Poland—could not come to Rome. Five others were absent because they received the red birettas from heads of state. They will come to Rome later for their Red Hats and other insignia.

The colorful ceremony began with the 19 old Cardinals present making the traditional obedience to the Pontiff immediately after he was seated on the special throne erected in the nave of St. Peter's basilica. In this group were eight foreign Cardinals, including His Eminence Francis

Holy Father Eyes Holy Communion Reception Increase

By FATHER FRANCIS J. CONNELL, C.S.S.R. (Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

On January 6, 1953, Pope Pius XII, through the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office issued a set of regulations concerning the fast which Catholics must observe before receiving Holy Communion—the eucharistic fast, as it is called.

These new rules represent a notable modification of the Church's legislation. The purpose of this modification is to

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Eucharistic Fast Rules Explained

The changes made by the Holy Father in the laws of the Eucharistic Fast and the Instruction of the Holy Office on this subject will be found in their entirety on page five.

The new regulations may be summarized as follows:

- 1) The taking of ordinary water at any time no longer breaks the Eucharistic Fast.
- 2) For the sake of uniformity all indulgences and rescripts granting relaxations from the Fast, e.g. those granted to the sick, to night workers, are herewith revoked and the following rules are to be used:
 - a) The sick and the ailing may, UPON THE PRUDENT ADVICE OF THEIR CONFESSOR, take liquids or real medicine. In no instance may alcoholic drinks be taken.
 - b) Others, who because of working hours, the lateness of the hour at which they must receive, or the distance which they must travel, may, UPON THE PRUDENT ADVICE OF THEIR CONFESSOR, take non-alcoholic liquids up to an hour before receiving.
- 3) The Holy Father wishes those who are unable to observe the eucharistic fast strictly in the traditional manner.
- 4) Certain favors are granted to priests who must celebrate Mass at late hours.
- 5) The BISHOP may authorize afternoon Masses in certain specified cases. It is to be earnestly desired that our priests and people will study diligently the entire Constitution of the Holy Father together with the instructions of the Holy Office and that from this study there may arise a greater and more devout use of the most Blessed Sacrament.

enable Catholics to receive Holy Communion more frequently, by making the fasting requirement less stringent than it has been hitherto.

POPE PIUS XII realizes full well that there are many factors in modern life which render it very difficult or even impossible for Catholics in certain circumstances to receive Holy Communion if they must observe the eucharistic fast strictly in the traditional manner.

Hence, he has added another memorable deed to his glorious pontificate by the present concessions in the Church's law concerning the way in which the eucharistic fast is to be interpreted, and the exemptions that are offered to Catholics.

The rules now regulating the eucharistic fast can be classified under four headings:

1. WATER. The drinking of natural water no longer breaks the eucharistic fast.
2. THE SICK. With the permission of a confessor, those who are sick, even though not confined to bed or to their home, may take liquids, in addition to water, and medicine before receiving Holy Communion, if this is needed to avoid grave inconvenience.
3. PERSONS NOT SICK—IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. Those who are not sick may take liquid nourishment up to one hour before Holy Communion (or the celebration of Mass, in the case of priests) if they are in one of the three circumstances laid down in the Constitution, which would make it difficult for them to observe the strict eucharistic fast: (a) One who must perform exhausting labor, such as a hospital nurse on night duty,

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Tito Regime Returns Vatican Note Unopened

Vatican City — (NC) — The Vatican City paper, Osservatore Romano, has repeated its statement that the recent Vatican note to Yugoslavia was returned unopened. A Belgrade official had turned the original report "null and void."

Osservatore countered by saying that the note had been delivered to the Yugoslav foreign office with an accompanying letter. "Some hours later however," the paper continued, "the document and letter were returned, and the seal which had closed the sealed envelope appeared original."

Osservatore declared that "we believe therefore that prescinding from possible mental reservations, the truth about the facts is sufficiently clear."

The Vatican note in question was in answer to a note of the Tito government on conditions affecting Church-State relations, and preceded the break in diplomatic relations. In its note, the Church charged the Yugoslav government with seeking to rob the people of all religious ideals and sentiments and of waging a ceaseless struggle against the Catholic Church.

Red-Persecuted American Bishop Raises Chickens

Hong Kong — An American bishop, forbidden to carry out his mission work by the Chinese Communists, is raising chickens in order to support himself and a Chinese priest.

The new chicken farmer is Bishop Frederick A. Donaghay, of New Bedford, Mass., in charge of the Maryknoll mission diocese of Wuchow. Bishop Donaghay spent many months in jail, and after his release took to raising rabbits to support himself. When the bottom dropped out of the rabbit market, the bishop switched over to chickens.

Catholic University

Feast of the Epiphany 1953

My Dear People: We postponed the annual appeal for the Catholic University in Washington out of consideration for the local problems of the parishes in December. However, as you know, I am a trustee of the University and deeply concerned about its support and progress. The University has become the outstanding center for graduate study for priests, religious, and ever increasing numbers of lay students. Its influence for the good of Catholic education is nation-wide.

Rochester has been very generous in support of the university, and your bishop as a trustee is deeply grateful for this support. For the past ten years we have enjoyed an outstanding place in the list of contributors.

In order that we may send our 1952 donation as soon as possible, may I ask your support for the University Collection to be held on January 25.

Praying—God's choicest blessings upon you and your families during the new year, I remain

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
JAMES E. KEARNEY
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

P.S. The collection for the Catholic University will be taken up at all the Masses on Sunday, January 25.

Pope Names New Venice Patriarch

Rome — (ENS) — His Eminence Angelo Cardinal Roncalli, Papal Nuncio to France, was named Patriarch of Venice by Pope Pius XII.

Cardinal Roncalli replaced Patriarch Carlo Agostini who died last month after he had been named by the Pope as one of the new members of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

Cigarettes: *Winston*, *Camel*, *W.D. & H.O. Wills*, *Double Happiness*, *Winston Lights*, *Winston Kings*, *Winston 100's*, *Winston Lights*, *Winston Kings*, *Winston 100's*.