



Abbatial Blessing Pictures

ABBOT MCGINLEY BLESSED AT CATHEDRAL—Pictures taken during solemn blessing of Abbot Gerard McGinley at the Sacred Heart cathedral on Monday show him (top row, left to right) receiving "kiss of peace" and filial homage from his monks following his blessing and investiture by Bishop Kearney. In center photo, top row, Bishop Kearney presents the crozier to Abbot McGinley. At solemn moment Abbot McGinley is shown (top right) prostrate on altar steps during the singing of the Litany. Trappist monks of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey arrive (center row photos) at cathedral to witness ceremonies blessing their abbot. Monks in brown habits are Trappist Brothers. Those garbed in white cloaks are the choir monks, priests and clerics. In bottom photo, Abbot McGinley kisses Bishop Kearney's ring during rite of blessing.

Abbot McGinley Blessed At Impressive Rite

(Continued from Page 1) James C. McAniff, archpriest; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shaw and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Stauder, deacons of honor; the Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, deacon of the Mass; the Rev. Charles R. Reynolds, subdeacon, and the Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, master of ceremonies.

Accompanied by the assisting Abbots Daly and Futterer, Abbot McGinley entered the cathedral last, dressed in the white cope and biretta. The assistant abbots wore white copes and mitres.

In the congregation were gathered a large number of Sisters of the various communities, together with relatives and friends of the Trappists and many lay leaders in Catholic affairs.

Representatives of various religious orders of the diocese filed into the cathedral, which was filled to capacity, followed by many of the diocesan clergy.

In the magenta robes of their office came the monsignor, who was in turn followed by the main body of the procession.

The apostolic mandate of the Holy See, authorizing that the Abbatial Blessing be given to Abbot McGinley was then read to the congregation by the Rev. Leslie Whalen.

Auxiliary Bishop Casey, the Very Rev. John Holohan, O.S.O., prior of the Trappist foundation at Perryville, Va.; the Right Rev. M. Columban Hawkins, O.S.O., Abbot of Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey, Pecos, New Mexico; the Right Rev. M. Robert McGinn, Abbot of Our Lady of the Holy Ghost Abbey, Conyers, Ga.; and Abbot Fox. Each dignitary was accompanied by his chaplains.

They were Frater Charles Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tucker, 67 Clay Ave.; Frater Alphonsus LeFrois, son of Mr. and Mrs. George LeFrois, 33 Mayfield St.; Frater Paul of the Cross Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah J. Murray, 111 Lapham St.; and a postulant, Edward F. Walsh, J. son

of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Walsh, 483 Harrogate Dr., Penfield.

The abbot, garbed in the brilliant white robes of their office, contrasted strikingly with the reds and purples of the diocesan prelates.

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The Bishop began the Holy Mass, while the abbot vested at a side altar and read the prayers of the Mass with the Bishop.

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In blue and gold. On the back were embroidered the words "Ave Maria" and an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help; on the front were the words "Gratia Plena" — "Hail Mary, Full of Grace."

St. Bernard's Seminary Choir, under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, chanted the Penitential Psalms and the Litany of the Saints, as the abbot lay prostrate on the altar steps.

IN HIS SERMON, Abbot Fox described the growth of Trappist monasteries in the United States from three to twelve within nine years as "the breath of the Holy Spirit over our country."

At the Offertory of the Mass, six monks of the Abbey entered the sanctuary bearing two lighted candles, two loaves of bread and two casks of wine.

There are now 915 Trappist-Cistercian monks in the U.S., as compared with 352 monks nine years ago, he said.

These gifts were then presented to Bishop Kearney by the abbot.

Quoting Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the College of Cardinals, Abbot Fox said that America especially "abounds with vocations to St. Bernard's way of life" and that "the spirit of St. Bernard of the 12th century still lives and throbs in the hearts of the youth of the twentieth century."

Placing the pastoral staff in the abbot's hand, the Bishop intoned the Te Deum. While the psalm was chanted by the choir, the abbot and his assistants left the sanctuary and proceeded down the aisle. Abbot McGinley stopped first to bless his relatives, who were kneeling in the front pew.

After the blessing at the end of the Mass, he blessed the abbot's mitre and gloves. Having placed the mitre, which was highlighted by an image of the Madonna, on the abbot's head and the gloves on his hands, the Bishop formally installed the new abbot on a small temporary throne or faldstool.

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He then continued down the centre aisle giving his blessing to the entire assemblage.

On returning to his throne, the abbot received the filial homage of his monks who entered the sanctuary two by two, to kiss his ring and receive his blessing.

The abbot then imparted his solemn blessing to the whole congregation, after which he knelt facing Bishop Kearney and chanted "Ad Multos Annos."

Abbot McGinley then received the "Kiss of Peace" from the

Bishop and the Assistant Abbots.

Later he was made superior of the Piffard monastery and remained in that post until his election as abbot. The monastery was raised to abbey status in September by the General Chapter of Cistercians at Cîteaux, France.

He later became prior in the Kenosha, Wis., abbey.

The 600-acre farm at Piffard was given to the Trappists by Porter R. Chandler of Genesee, N.Y.

A full account of the blessing ceremony of Abbot McGinley was aired over WSAY, Narrators, who spoke from the vestry in full view of the rites in the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, and the Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School.

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