

Atlanta Bishop Installation Slated

Atlanta — (NC) — The Most Rev. Francis E. Hyland will be solemnly installed as the first Bishop of Atlanta in the Cathedral of Christ the King here on November 8, it has been announced.

Late in July the Holy See announced that the See of Atlanta had been established as a separate diocese. Prior to that the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta had embraced the whole State of Georgia. Bishop Hyland was Auxiliary Bishop of Savannah-Atlanta from 1949 until last July, when he was named first Ordinary of the newly created Diocese of Atlanta.

Chicago Shrine Named Basilica

Chicago — (NC) — The Sorrowsful Mother Novena Shrine here will be formally dedicated as a minor basilica on January 8, 1957, Cardinal Strich, Archbishop of Chicago, announced.

The shrine is in Our Lady of Sorrows Church conducted by the Servants of Mary (Servite Fathers).

Cardinal Strich told a press conference of the elevation of the shrine to a minor basilica — an honor bestowed by the Pope in tribute to a church's role as a center of devotion or for its historical importance or artistic beauty.



Previews 'Ten Commandments'

Los Angeles — (NC) — Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles chats with Cecil B. DeMille after viewing a "rough cut" version of DeMille's dramatization of the life of Moses, in "The Ten Commandments." Cardinal McIntyre called the film a great mission spectacularly conceived.

Requiem Mass Offered For Father Newcomb

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Livingston Haworth, N.J. Assisting Bishop Casey at the Mass were the Rev. Bernard Newcomb, deacon; the Rev. Bernard C. Casper, subdeacon; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, P.A., V.G., assistant priest; Rev. Edward J. McAniff, 1st Master; Rev. Francis M. Feeney, 2nd Master.

Also Rev. Daniel McCarthy, thurifer; Rev. George Wood and Rev. Herbert Sturmer, acolytes; Rev. Ladislav Szezepanski, book-bearer; Rev. Daniel Wheeland, candlebearer; Rev. Paul Schaefer, mitre bearer; Rev. Charles L. McCarthy, gemial bearer.

PALL BEARERS were the Reverend Fathers Elmer Schmidt, Robert Winterkorn, David Fink, Andrew Teuschel, Bernard Kuchman and John P. O'Malley.

Present in the sanctuary were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors John E. Marney, Wilfred P. Craugh, Bernard A. Connell, Gerald C. Lambert, George W. Eckel, Joseph A. Eberhart, Charles J. Mahoney, Charles F. Shay, Frank J. Hoefel, Charles V. Boyle, George V. Fredmore, Richard K. Burns and Arthur E. Ratigan.

Also the Very Rev. Monsignors J. Emmett Murphy, Dennis W. Hickey, Leslie G. Whalen, and John E. McCafferty.

PRIESTS' CHOIR under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, included the Rev. Fathers Frederick Elish, William Amann, William Elicky, John Hempel, William Erlen, Richard O'Connell, Joseph Nothnagle, Robert Miller, Richard Murphy, James Williams, Robert Kanke, William Trost and Thomas Kuchman.

Interment was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Auburn where prayers were said by Monsignor Hoefen, assisted by Father Bernard Newcomb. The Benediction was sung by priests of the Auburn Deanery under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Straub, V.F.

PRIESTS in attendance at the Requiem Mass were: the Reverend Fathers George J. Schmidt, Paul G. Wohlrab, Sebastian Congiacomo, C.P.P.S., Thomas Reddington, John Whalen, George J. Weilmann, Leo V. Smith, Francis Vogt, Robert A. Keleher, Bernard Hanna, Earl Tobin, James Barnett, S.J., Lawrence E. Ward, Raymond G. Hiesel, Joseph E. Haffey, Matthew A. Silara, Joseph T. Maloney, Arthur F. Florack, William J. Naughton. The Reverend Fathers Edward Hartmann, Henry C. Bieker, Gerald Kelly, Raymond West, Francis A. Kiehammer, George J. Weisenborn, S.S.C.C., James V.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Recently after a talk on the Missions in a small town in the Middle West, a little girl aged five came up to the platform with a small bouquet of dandelions tied with a string, and presented them to me. "Why do you give these to me," I asked. "Because I love you." "Do you ever bring any flowers to Our Lord," I asked. "No, I give Him myself," she answered.

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Funeral Sermon Father John Newcomb

Here is the text of the sermon delivered by the Rev. Eugene H. McFarland at the Funeral Mass for the Rev. John C. Newcomb in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester, Monday, September 17, 1956. Father Newcomb, assistant pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, died Thursday, September 13, 1956.

"Raising His eyes to heaven He said, 'Father, the hour has come ... I have accomplished the work that Thou hast given Me to do.'"
(John 17, 1 and 4)

One of the most solemn moments in the life of Our Divine Lord was Holy Thursday night. At least, St. John the Evangelist must have thought so because of the entire gospel of St. John — some 21 chapters — 5 chapters are devoted to the description of the last few hours of Holy Thursday.

At the Last Supper Our Lord gave His farewell address. His last instructions to His Apostles before His death.

St. John was there next to Christ, listening to every precious word that fell from His Master's lips, noting every slightest action He performed — how He took a towel and tied it to His waist, poured water into a basin, washed the feet of his Apostles, argued with Peter about this, dipped bread and gave it to Judas, answered their last questions — first John, then Peter and Thomas, then Phillip, seven Judas. His last words are some of the most tender in all Scripture. He tells them why He speaks this way:

"These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have affliction. But take courage, I have overcome the world."

Toward the end of His talk, Christ raised His eyes to Heaven: —

"Father, the hour has come ... I have accomplished the work that Thou hast given Me to do."

THESE SOLEMN words — used by the High Priest Jesus Christ as He closed His life on earth can best describe the closing hours of a priest's life. What was the work that Christ had been sent to do? He was sent to save the souls of men — not by force or flourish, not in sound and fury, but in prayer and silent suffering and sacrifice, in carrying a cross and dying on it.

This was the work of the first Priest and the work of every priest to the end of time. For the priest is called to be another Christ, ordained not for himself but for others.

What is the work of the priest? Listen to this answer given that same Thursday night to St. Thomas. He had been puzzled by Christ's remarks and said "Lord we do not know where Thou art going and how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him: "I am the way and the truth and the life." "I am the way," Christ said and the way to Heaven is not described as easy. Our Lord described it like this:

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow Me."

The cross a priest must carry may be the cross of sickness or suffering or heavy responsibility. He must carry it even though at times he is crushed under its weight as Christ was.

"I am the truth," Christ said and the truth must be made known to all men. "Teach all nations," is the command of Christ to His priests, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." So the priest must mount the pulpit Sunday after Sunday, go into the classroom week after week and teach and exhort and encourage and even threaten. The priest may not be a master

of eloquence — what is important is WHAT he says, not how he says it. His sincerity is better than his style.

"I am the life," Christ said and He did not mean this earthly life but eternal life.

"He who eats MY flesh and drinks MY blood has life everlasting and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the priest must give spiritual life through the Sacraments. Beginning with Baptism, the Sacrament in which we receive God's grace for the first time; restoring this life if lost by giving the Sacrament of Penance; increasing that life in the Holy Eucharist.

WHAT IS THE happiest day in the life of a priest? It cannot be the day of his ordination, for he knows nothing of the priesthood. That day is the happiest in the life of the seminarian when after long years of prayer and study he kneels before his Bishop and with trembling hands accepts the powers of the priesthood. The power, not given to the angels, of changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, and that is truly power over God; and the power over his fellow man when he receives the power to forgive sin. This is a day when grave responsibilities descend upon the priest and he cannot escape them.

The happiest day in the life of a priest should be the day of his death — when these responsibilities are no longer his, when he can say with Christ: "Father, the hour has come ... I have accomplished the work that Thou hast given me to do."

Over these past 31 years, thousands have received spiritual life from the hands of this good priest. Those of us who knew Father John Newcomb respected him for his learning, admired him for his obedience and fidelity to duty, loved him for his priestly heart.

When you first met Father Newcomb you thought he was formal and reserved — and to a certain extent he was. When you knew him you found him to be a good priest who possessed a keen mind and a sympathetic heart.

EVERY FUNERAL is a meditation on the shortness of life, the nearness of death. But the funeral of a priest is more than that — it is at the same time a meditation for priests and people on the sacred character and the solemn obligations of the priesthood — as if somehow, even we priests did not realize, this fully until it was time to surrender these obligations to our High Priest.

To his family we extend our sincere sympathy and a promise of our prayers.

Join me in the prayer of Cardinal Newman for Father Newcomb:

May Christ support us all the day long till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done.

Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.

Converts Reported In Burma Mission

Bhamo, Burma — (NC) — The number of Catholics in the Prefecture Apostolic of Bhamo has tripled in the past decade, bringing the total to 10,156.

This was announced by Msgr. Patrick Usher, of the Columbian Fathers, Prefect Apostolic of Bhamo. He said that in the past year, the most successful one on record, there were 1,444 conversions. There are 6,194 catechumens under instruction at present, most of whom are already dependable Church members.

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