

Funeral Sermon

Father McCarthy

Following is the text of the sermon given by Bishop James E. Kearney at the funeral of Rev. Daniel J. McCarthy, Tuesday, January 7, 1938, at St. Cecilia's Church, Irondequoit. Father McCarthy died Jan. 2, 1938.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold Magi came from the East to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him." And entering the house, they found the Child with Mary his mother. And opening their treasures they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (St. Matthew 2:1, 2 and 11).

These words of the Christmas story may seem an unusual text for a funeral eulogy. But God in His own special way has chosen to intertwine the chants of the "Adeste Fideles" with the melodies of the "Dies Irae."

There is actually something particularly appropriate in this fact as we consign to the grave today the body of this priest. Almost the last words on the lips of Father Daniel McCarthy were the familiar words, "Venite adoremus."

As he ended his Christmas Adeste Fideles, he waited but a few moments before entering the eternal Stable of Bethlehem. So it is particularly appropriate that we bring on this day of death the joys of Christmas because the last words of devotion of this priest were the chants of Christmas.

Like the Wise Men of old, this priest saw "His star in the East" and began his journey of over 25 years in the priestly service of the new born Saviour. Now at the end of this journey he is able to offer his own gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

FATHER MCCARTHY had his own special gifts. First, the gold of his heart. This heart of his preserved the ideals of his priesthood through all his difficulties, preserved these ideals through the disillusionments and disappointments of life. He had a priestly heart characterized by meticulous fidelity even when he was not physically strong.

That was his first gift, the gold of his own priestly heart, a heart that never lost its enthusiasm, a heart that never lost its ideals.

Those who knew him best knew he always lived close to God so that in every sense of the word especially in the priestly sense he had a heart of gold.

HIS FRANKINCENSE can be called his activities in the various parishes to which he was assigned. No matter where he went he carried out his work even beyond the limits of the physical strength God had given him. And so finally he had to abandon the joys and consolations of a parish priest. He had to enter into the quiet and less aggressive surroundings of a chaplaincy for Sisters at the Cenacle.

In the years there he continued to live out his generous service which was described so well by one of the members of the community. She stated that of all the priests she had ever known she had never met a priest more scrupulously concerned with his duties and responsibilities.

And that was also the story in every parish where this priest worked.

The long line of those who knew him for over a quarter of a century of consecrated service loved him.

Those who passed by his bier these past few days indicated the

deep impression he made in his own way on their hearts.

It was their consciousness of his priestly service backed by priestly character. Thus did he offer the frankincense of his years of service in carrying out the responsibilities of his priest-hood.

AND HIS third gift of myrrh was his resignation to the hand of God of ill health.

There is no question of the fact that all through these years, with his heavy cross, his ambitions in serving God were limited by his physical capacity. And yet he accepted this cross with a great spirit of generosity, with a very fine philosophy of life expressed in his own words, "As God has given and as God asks, I'll do my best."

SO WE SEE this priest following the star of his priesthood leading him now to heaven just as he had followed it through his life when he first heard the call of Christ, "Come, follow Me."

Now he has followed that call even to the throne of God.

He rests here for his last time at Mass with the oils of Extreme Unction fresh upon his brow, placed there by the hands of his own Bishop.

Today to his friends, to his family, especially to his bereaved mother, we can say that the joy of the Christmas season is not to be clouded by the consciousness of his departing.

Many years ago this devoted mother gave him to God. Now God has chosen to take him and has accepted her sacrifice completely.

Let us realize that his going at this happy Christmas season means that we must follow along in his footsteps of serving God to the final limit of our ability.

Like the Wise Men who saw the star in the east we also can rejoice with exceeding great joy because we know that Father McCarthy, a few days ago, found for all eternity the Child with Mary his Mother and kneeling down he offered his gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Who of the sons of men could pray a fairer epitaph?

Reds Incite Hindus Against Catholics

Vatican City — (RNS) — The Vatican Radio, in a special broadcast reported that persecution of Roman Catholics "continues unabated" in the Communist-governed State of Kerala in India.

It charged that the Communists were "working hard to incite the Hindus against Catholics, whom they accuse, among other things, of burning down a Hindu temple back in 1950."



Cardinal And The Magi

Bologna, Italy — (NC) — His Eminence Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, Archbishop of Bologna, readily smiled for this photograph showing one of the three gift-bearing Wise Men, during Bologna's annual procession of the Magi.

Priest Seeks Legendary Tomb Of Solomon's Son

Moshi, Tanganyika — (NC) — An American priest of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost has started scaling Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro on an expedition to find the traditional site of the legendary son of two Old Testament figures.

FATHER FREDERIC Trumbull, C.S.G., 30, of Bridgeport, Conn., joined the expedition of John Tunstall, a South African businessman, with the aim of investigating the legends surrounding what is supposed to be the tomb of "Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia," the legendary son of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

The Abyssinian people have long claimed descent from Solomon through the Queen of Sheba. The legend states that Menelik was born after the return of the Queen from her visit to Solomon related in the Old Testament (3 Kings, 10).

Menelik's tomb is supposed to be at the top of the 19,317-foot mountain where, according to the stories handed down through the centuries, he left orders to be buried. The Masai tribesmen living at the foot of Kilimanjaro call it the "House of God," and believe that God lives at the summit.

Catholic Teachers In Britain Ask School Subsidy

London — (NC) — British Catholic teachers have joined the clergy in asking that the British government give more financial help to the nation's Catholic schools.

A resolution stating that the government should make a 10 per cent grant toward building costs of all voluntary schools was passed at the conference of the Catholic Teachers Federation here. The resolution declared that the Catholics of England and Wales are committed to finding the "fantastic figure" of \$392 million "to carry out the schools program."

The resolution put the nation's Catholic teachers squarely behind the Hierarchy, who have begun a campaign to have the government step up its subsidy rate from the current 50 per cent to 75 per cent after the interest rate on loans was raised from five to seven per cent last September.

Convert Ranks Grow In England

London — (RNS) — Adult conversions to Catholicism in England and Wales numbered 14,077 in 1937, according to the 1938 Catholic Directory published here. This was an increase of 1,000 over the previous year's record total.

The directory said Catholics in England, Wales and the Channel Islands totaled 3,343,000 at the end of 1937. It estimated there are 757,000 Catholics in Scotland and 476,000 in Northern Ireland. This means, it said, that the estimated Catholic population of Great Britain and Northern Ireland now exceeds 4,576,000.

The Catholic Directory reported that Catholic baptisms of children in England and Wales during 1937 exceeded 100,000, while marriages increased by 2,700 to 42,825.

Requiem Held For Cenacle Chaplain

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Brooklyn Diocese, cousins of Father McCarthy, were deacon and subdeacon of the Mass.

Acolytes were Rev. Stanislaus Blaszewski and Rev. John V. Loughlin; thurifer, Rev. Francis A. Marks.

Miter bearer, Rev. Edward E. Steinkirchner; gremiale bearer, Rev. Daniel Wheeland.

Rev. Edward McAniff and Rev. Francis Feeney were masters of ceremonies.

BEARERS WERE the Reverend Fathers Frederick Bush, Joseph L. Hogan, Frederick W. Straub, William Schifferl, William Nolan and Thomas Kane.

Father McCarthy is survived by his brother Rev. Joseph McCarthy, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Rochester.

He is also survived by his mother, Mary A. McCarthy, and two sisters, Mary C. and Margaret M., who live at 185 Woodbine Ave.; two other brothers, John A. McCarthy of 300 Post Ave., and Jeremiah J. McCarthy of 559 Hazelwood Ter.

Burial was in the priests plot of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where Bishop Casey said the final prayers at the grave.

ATTENDING the funeral rites were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors George V. Freeman, John F. Goggin, Maynard A. Connell, Wilfred T. Craugh, Joseph A. Balcerak, John S. Randall, Charles F. Shay, Gerald C. Lambert, William J. Naughton, Arthur J. Florack, Arthur E. Rutigan, Frederick G. Straub.

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Fathers Bernard Newcomb, Valentin Jankowski, Henry Atwell, James Williams, Michael Volpe, Richard Murphy, John Hester, Paul Chosen, David Plaut, Michael Ann, Joseph Nothnagle, and William Amari.

Mission Funds

Vatican City — (NC) — Six children representing the 400,000 members of the association of Italian Catholic children, presented Pope Pius XII a fund of \$2,400 for the African missions.

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Other Stocks and Bonds	11,261,562.39	8,098,632.94
Loans	113,038,768.50	127,673,798.56
Mortgages	52,067,408.14	51,271,556.32
Banking Houses	5,296,967.77	5,774,439.20
Accrued Interest Receivable	930,841.92	1,037,707.66
Other Assets	264,321.42	238,321.61
	\$360,553,958.87	\$374,650,275.33

LIABILITIES	1936	1937
Deposits	\$318,961,518.33	\$311,631,341.43
Reserve for Interest and General Expense	821,101.71	852,075.72
Reserve for Federal Income and Other Taxes	1,578,786.82	1,680,711.71
Reserve for Unearned Discount	2,066,522.01	2,301,523.15
Dividends Declared and Payable		
February 1st	400,000.00	500,000.00
Capital Funds	26,725,000.00	27,684,623.22
Common Stock	\$10,000,000.00	\$10,000,000.00
Surplus	14,000,000.00	14,000,000.00
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