

Pope Pius Buried At Vatican

By Monsignor Richard K. Burns
Vatican City — The story of the Pope's burial Monday of this week is a story of striking contrasts.

At noon on Monday, all the doors of St. Peter's Basilica were closed. In the deserted palace, the Pope's body lay on its stretcher before the towering mausoleum, after awaiting the moment it would be placed in its triple casket for burial.

The scene was graphically different from the days when Pope Pius XII, alive and vibrant, came to this central church of Christendom.

When he passed, he was an old man, a frail figure, a mere shadow of the man who had ruled the world for so long. He lay motionless only a few feet from the floor, as the tottering pontiff lay after four long hours of his illness.

When he lived, his pontificate was a triumph of the spirit. His triumph includes the peace he brought to the world. Long live the Pope. As he lay in death, there was a silence of death.

Later Monday afternoon, the body of the Pope was placed in the triple casket. The casket was placed in the crypt. The casket covers the body of the Pope.

Less than ten years ago, this Pontiff had hammered at the Holy Door to announce a Holy Year of pardon, peace and joy. This week, the workmen's hammers were a stern summons to pray for the Pope who did so much to bring peace and everlasting life to a world on the brink of war.

Even the ancient ritual of the church gave way to scientific progress for the funeral of the Pope who modernized the administration of the Church. Workmen used the latest type blowtorches to solder the floor and final lead casket top in place. The sparking sparks of the blowtorches contrasted sharply with the traditional solemnity of the pontiff's standing by.

How again the contrast between the rites for a living Pope and a Pontiff was apparent.

When Pope Pius XII was elected, the Pope was elected with a vote of 21 votes. The Pope was elected with a vote of 21 votes. The Pope was elected with a vote of 21 votes.

Even the scaffold to haul the casket to the crypt was only partially draped, revealing only portions.

All this contrast was the Church's graphic catechism to teach us that death has a finality to the faithful as equally as to the least of God's children.

As the Pope lay in death, he was a man of God. He was a man of God. He was a man of God.

Monsignor Burns At Rome Rites

Monsignor Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thomas Church, is in Rome as representative of the Rochester Diocese at the funeral rites for Pope Pius XII.

Burns surprised Monsignor Burns with an airplane ticket to the Eternal City where he once served as vice rector of the North American College.

Monsignor Burns tabled his accompanying article as his eye witness account of Monday's burial ceremony of the Supreme Pontiff.



N. Y. Cardinal At Pre-Conclave Meet

Vatican City — (RNS) — Cardinal Spellman of New York (second from right) talks with Cardinal Agagianian at meeting of Princes of the Church to plan conclave scheduled to open Saturday, October 25, to elect a successor to Pope Pius XII. Photo shows (from left) Cardinals Valeri, Cifari, Lercaro, and Cardinal Roman Ciognani, brother of Archbishop Amleto Ciognani, apostolic delegate to the United States.

Conclave Next Week

Vatican City — (RNS) — The conclave of cardinals to elect a new Pope will convene on Saturday, Oct. 25. The date was announced by the General Congregation of Cardinals which is meeting daily until the conclave opens.

How long the conclave lasts depends on how soon the cardinals cast the necessary two-thirds majority vote, plus one, necessary for the election of Pius XII's successor.

The extra vote was prescribed by Pius XII in an Apostolic Constitution in 1945. The new requirement is intended to eliminate the possibility of determining, in the case of an exact two-thirds majority, whether the elected cardinal voted for himself. Canon Law invalidates any ballot cast by an elector for himself.

THE CONCLAVE which elects Pius XII in 1959 did so on the third ballot. His predecessors, Pius XI, Benedict XV and St. Pius X were chosen on the 10th, 10th and seventh ballots respectively.

Chosen by the General Congregation as governor of the conclave was Monsignor Frederico Calchi di Vignola, Master of the Pontifical Chamber. He will direct the entrance to the conclave and see to it that the strictest secrecy surrounds the deliberations of the cardinals.

Co-operating with the monsignor in the task of guarding the conclave will be Prince Sixtino de S. Roman, nobleman who holds the title of Perpetual Marshal of the Conclave. In order to preserve the secrecy of the conclave, all telegraphic, telephonic, as well as all photographic instruments, were ordered barred from the chambers. Some 200 telephones were immediately removed and the windows of

the chambers hermetically sealed. In another action, the Congregation directed Benedetto Cardinal Aloisi Masella, the new Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, to establish his headquarters in the former offices of the Secretariat of State in the Vatican Palace.

In assigning the apartment to the Camerlengo, administrator of the Church's affairs until a Pope is elected, the Cardinals were interpreted here as indicating they would like the new Pontiff to name a Secretary of State.

This office has been vacant since the last holder, Luigi Cardinal Maglione, died in 1934. Pius XII having decided not to name a new Secretary of State, the Pope depended instead on the Substitute Secretaries, one for ordinary and the other for extraordinary affairs.

It is expected that 60 of the 55 members of the Sacred College of Cardinals — its full quota is 70 members — will participate in the conclave.

Those not expected are two cardinals in Iron Curtain countries — Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, and Alojzys Cardinal Stepinac, Primate of Croatia in Yugoslavia — and three cardinals whose positions are vacant.

Pope Embalmed As Christ Was

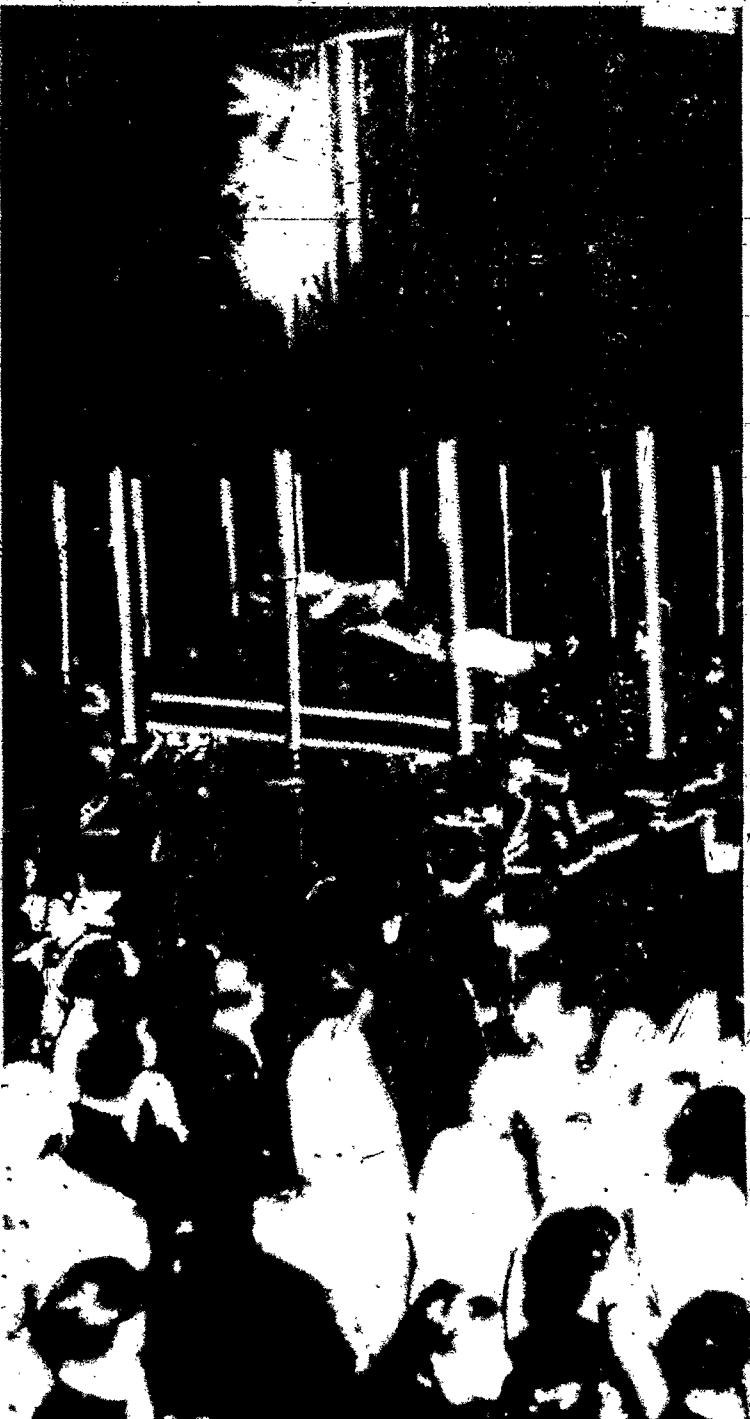
Rome — (RNS) — The process used to embalm the remains of Pope Pius XII was the same in principle as that used to preserve Christ's body, the late Pontiff's private physician said here.

Dr. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi attended a press conference at which he answered questions of the embalming methods he used on the Pope's body. Protesters were voiced after extra steps had to be taken while the Pontiff's remains lay in state both at Castelgandolfo, the papal summer palace where he died, and in St. Peter's Basilica.

Dr. Galeazzi-Lisi was accompanied by Professor Oreste Nuzzi of Naples, inventor of the system, which he has been developing since 1917. Both stressed that the late Pope knew about the "perfected system" involving the use of aromatic gases on the body which was then encased in cellulose.

The Pope's physician explained that the process went back to the historical Christian practices of embalming with essential oils and resins. "It was, in fact," he said, "the system with which the body of Our Lord was preserved."

He said that the process required no incisions and one of the main reasons for adopting it was to respect the person of the Pope.



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Pope Buried Near St. Peter

Vatican City — (RNS) — The body of Pius XII, in an enormous triple coffin weighing more than half a ton, was lowered into the crypt in St. Peter's Basilica here. An audience of 2,000, including 21 Cardinals, looked on as the Pontiff was interred near the tomb of St. Peter.

Procession Two Miles Long Brings Pope To Rome

By FATHER JAMES J. TUCKER

Rome — (NC) — Pope Pius XII, "Defender of the Faith" and a Roman by birth, was received by his native Rome in greater splendor than he had ever known during his last mortal remains were carried in solemn procession through the city's streets to St. Peter's basilica.

For the first time in centuries the body of a pope was carried to St. Peter's in a public procession. Normally the ceremonies of the transfer of the body to the great church would have been performed in private within the Vatican palaces, and would be attended only by members of the papal court.

The "Pope of the People," who had received the common faithful by millions in the thousands of audiences during his reign, was with them also in death. His death at Castelgandolfo meant breaking many of the most rigid traditions of the Vatican.

At Castelgandolfo the pope's body was vested in a white cassock and white lace rucher. Over this was placed a red dalmatic and a red chasuble and, finally, over the shoulders, a white wool pallium. A mitre was placed on his head. Red shoes encased his feet. Red gloves covered his hands and a bishop's ring was placed on his fingers.

At 2 p.m. Friday a small motorcade led the procession in, paused for 20 minutes at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, and then proceeded to St. Peter's Basilica. The motorcade was led by a red-lit. The motorcade

remains in a ceremony led by Premier Agostino Fanfani, Archbishop Luigi Traglia, Archbishop of the Lateran Archbasilica, imparted absolution of the body. Then, behind the Pope's private chaplain, Msgr. Lino Solari, and Bishop Pietro Casali, the Pope's body was carried to St. Peter's Basilica.

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At the end came the coffin covered with crimson cloth. As it passed along the streets lined with police a great silence fell on the crowds of faithful who followed the Pope's relatives and members of the papal court and papal family.

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Past the Apostolic Chancery, which had been a center for the Pope's high life as Vicar of Christ, moved the procession, and across the Tiber River, which had been for him as it is for every Roman, a silent accompaniment.

The solemn tones of the night were filled with the words of the Psalmist: "Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; Thou shalt wash me and I shall be made whiter than snow."

THE PROCESSION entered Via Castellana, the final approach to St. Peter's Square. Drums began to roll and combine with the chanted strains. The drummers, mounted caissons in Napoleonic uniforms, raged the white stone markers describing the path.

Flowers are God's creations. Their silent eloquence is the fitting tribute in the hour of sorrow. Blanchard Florist, 28 Lake Avenue, open daily from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. BA 5-9194. — Adv.



Pope's Cortege Passes Colosseum

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