

Father Thomas Toole

Following the text of the funeral Mass of Rev. Thomas J. Toole Tuesday morning in St. Mary's Church, Elmira. Father Toole died Saturday, Dec. 6, 1935.

"Arise, arize, I say to you, unless the grain of wheat fall into the ground it will remain alone. But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." (John 12, 24-25)

We never seem to be weary as you are. I wonder how you get it. It comes. It always comes. It is an inner drive.

But my friends, we should not think that these material achievements constituted the all-important part of Father Toole's work.

For him too, it means the end of tears and sorrow and grief. He is now at rest in the arms of his God.

Thirty-five years ago St. John Toole was ordained to the priesthood in the diocese of Albany, New York.

When Father Toole came here to Elmira, he was a young man of thirty, a young man of high hopes.

His first care was to beautify the house of God which is in the heart of man.

When this was done he turned his attention to the thorough renovation of the school with the addition of classrooms for a rapidly increasing enrollment.

Father Toole's building program was not finished. He next turned his attention to the recreational needs of the parish.

Father Alfredo Morotti

Text of the sermon given by Rev. Joseph C. Cirrone at the funeral Mass for Rev. Alfredo Morotti in St. Paul's Church, Rochester, Saturday, Dec. 6, 1935.



CARDINAL CARO

Chile Cardinal Church's Oldest Dies At 92

Santiago (AP)—A Chilean Cardinal, one of the oldest in the world, died here Thursday last at the age of 92.

His name was Jose Maria Caro y Cuevas. He was born in Chile and studied at the University of Salamanca in Spain.

Death came to the prelate, famed for his skill in applying the social doctrines of the Church, after a four-day struggle against an attack of arteriosclerosis.

Known as the "Bishop of the salt mine" for his tireless efforts toward solving the difficult problems of the Chilean mining country, Cardinal Caro was born into a humble peasant home in the coastal village of Pichelmu on June 23, 1857.

After study at the Seminary of Santiago he went to Rome in 1887 and became the first Chilean student to enroll at the South American College.

He was ordained in Rome three years later and in 1891 the year Pope Leo XIII's great encyclical Rerum Novarum on social teachings was published he received his doctorate in theology and returned home.

In 1912, having shown great skill in applying the social doctrine of the Church, he was named Titular Bishop of Mylasa and appointed Vicar Apostolic of Tarapaca.

Striving for social harmony in the midst of class struggle against a background of strikes and economic crises, he promoted a vigorous apostolate among the workers, organized new parishes and gave vast encouragement to the work of the Catholic Press.

In judgment, it appears before the God of unutterable purity of infinite sanctity. In Whose sight the heavens are not clean.

My dear friends, we all often read the words of St. Ambrose. "We have loved him in life; let us not forget him in death."

There are three times in a canon but lastly, his union with Christ, which is the substance of a special sermon.

The first is in the occasion of the celebration of his first Mass. The second is in the occasion of the celebration of his funeral Mass.

The first sermon is usually preached by an older brother priest. The second, usually by a younger brother priest. The third, always by the Eternal High Priest Himself.

The first was said by the priest who officiated at the celebration of his first Mass. It was the second, said by the priest who officiated at the celebration of his funeral Mass.

That the Holy Spirit should be present in the simple elements of bread and wine, has drawn him even to the union of himself with sinners.

What St. Paul said when he had reached the heights of holiness, every priest can, in a sense, say from ordination on: "I live now, not I, but Christ liveth in me."

For what priest on his ordination day has not been overcome by the blessedness of his joy to that of Mary when the Angel came to her.

But there is nothing on earth that brings out the priest's oneness with Christ more than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass itself.

At just as the joys of the earthly life cannot help but draw him closer to Christ.

offerory of the Mass. And what the first few years after ordination teach him, a priest's first Mass already forecast, that after the offerory, after the dedication comes the consecration.

"If any man will come after me, let him take up his cross daily and follow me. To whom do these words apply more than to the priest? He is already one with Christ each morning as Christ's immolation is renewed by him on the altar."

For just as in the consecration of a first Mass there is renewed the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, so in the priest's daily struggle to be in the world and not of it, to lift up sinners and sanctify souls without himself becoming a castaway, yet to be detached from the world, to be human and live by faith.

Today it is my duty to preach the second sermon to which Father Alfredo Morotti has a right as a priest of God.

A sermon on the occasion of a first Mass is generally a sermon on the subtlimity of the Priesthood. In Father Morotti's case, only a sermon on the subtlimity of the priesthood could bring out that particular gift he brought to his priesthood.

As we all know, Father Morotti was ordained at the age of 38. He told me once that he had applied to the priesthood when he was a young man but that the death of his mother made it necessary for him to put it off.

There is a priest, there, another Christ. And his life is no longer his.

He is appointed for men in the things pertaining to God, that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

It all else fails to remind him of that marvelous unity, like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, he can never fail to recognize his oneness with Christ in the "breaking of bread."

In fact, even more than the Rosary, every Mass is the epitome of a priest's whole life. The offering of himself at ordination is renewed every morning in the

tion, as on retreat, for instance, which of us has not borrowed the fact that we have not maintained at its original high level the awe for the priesthood in which we once stood.

I would not be so rash as to say that familiarity has bred contempt. But every priest has to admit that familiarity has done something for which conscience has reason to reproach him.

That is why I say that if Father Morotti did nothing else in his years as a priest, he will have earned the eternal gratitude of his fellow priests for the inspiration of his ever expanding love for something we all should hold dearer than life itself.

But it became more disconcerting when he continued to do so after his ordination, when he was a priest himself. And when on occasion I would remonstrate with him, he asked me not to deprive him of the indulgence that went with kissing the hand of a priest.

But underneath this alleged reason I always felt that the real reason was that Father Morotti never lost the profound awe he had for the priesthood.

Most of us thought eleven or twelve years a long time to spend preparing for the priesthood. And at times of serious reflection

Classmates Honor Prelate

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