

Highlights Funeral Held For Msgr. Dugan U.S. Special

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RELATION. They stressed that the even at death but followed these heart of the law question is people's prayer long years after they were gone," said Monsignor Ratigan.

According to figures made public in September, church membership in the U.S. reached a new high of 101,189,678 in 1957, a gain of 66,172,41 over the previous year. Church construction fell short of the record of \$3,850,000 in 1957, but it was predicted it would break a new all-time record in 1959.

The overshadowing event in the Catholic Church was the death of Pope Pius XII and the election of his successor, 77-year-old Pope John XXIII.

Pope XII's death inspired a universal outpouring of tributes to his memory from leaders of all faiths around the world that was unparalleled in the history of the papacy. Jewish leaders in particular recalled the humanitarian work of the late Pontiff and especially his efforts on behalf of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution.

The new Pope made history almost immediately by increasing the College of Cardinals to 73 members with the hint of raising the number even higher. The norm of 70 was established by Pope Sixtus V in 1587. At the same time, it was believed highly probable that Pope John might set a new pattern of extensive journeys outside Vatican City in his public remarks indicating he would visit France and perhaps the United States.

The Lourdes Centenary Year attracted over 5,000,000 pilgrims from all parts of the world. In July, Pope Pius XII issued an encyclical calling on the bishops to organize special prayers for peace in the world and freedom for the Church.

The closing months of his pontificate were darkened by reports of increasing anti-Catholicism in Italy and the action of a Mercy Hospital on Monday, and court in Florence which sought to brand him as "public sinner" a couple who had married outside the Church.

One of Pius XII's most memorable talks during the year was to the 10,000 members of Italian Catholic Action Youth. He said that although the Church has not ended its martyrdom, it stands "useless as always" against those who attempt to Alice Dugan. Paul M. Dugan, best man at the wedding of his son William F. Dugan, all of whom were present.

Pleasantville; six nephews and 19 grand-nieces and nephews.

ASSISTING Bishop Kearney in the funeral rites were Rev. Msgr. James C. McNamara, assistant priest; Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert and Rev. Msgr. John E. Manley, deacons of honor.

Very Rev. Msgr. Patrick Flynn was deacon and Rev. Msgr. Barry Bolger, subdeacon.

A native of Buffalo, Msgr. Dugan was four years old when he came to Rochester. He attended St. Monica's School, Niagara University and Canisius College, prior to his entrance into St. Bernard's Seminary.

After ordination in 1936, Msgr. Dugan served as an instructor at Aquinas Institute, Rochester, and in 1937 was appointed assistant pastor of St. Anne's Church, Rochester, and chaplain at Strong Memorial and Elmhurst Memorial Hospitals and Monroe County Home and Infirmary.

In 1942 he was made chaplain of the New York State Prison, Utica, where he was the only priest in the entire prison. His ungrudging response to a call, when this general friend of Monsignor Dugan was suffering the eve of his birthday, was inspiring and at the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, should not drown the gratitude to his priestly friends that Christmas song of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest and with him to the bed of dying."

EARLY IN HIS PASTORAL career, he was given the task of organizing the choir of the Utica County Home and Infirmary.

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Prison warden Robert Murphy said that Msgr. Dugan was outstanding in his ability to get help from fellow priests to accept him into both inmates and God as their greatest good.

On Dec. 10, the institution due to his exceptional personality, he received the greatest respect of

IN EVERY AGE, among all people, mankind has had the recognition of God's priests to constantly remind man of his beginning and his destiny. This is why the official act of the priest to sacrifice has as its purpose the adoration of God the Supreme Being.

The priest, as the representative of the people, through this act of worship correctly orients the people to God. This act of the priest symbolically strips man of his possessions to show the complete dominion of God and man's utter dependence on Him.

This is the reality that religion prospect of enforced isolation through the priesthood seeks to inculcate in man; and there is no peace in man or among men to know the mercy of God as long as man fails to accept through the gentle kindness of Monsignor Dugan. Their debt to society looks on through him the aspect of sacramental Christianity. He was deeply appreciative of the opportunity afforded him, as a priest, by the state to remake the criminal in the image of Christ.

HIS PRIESTLY concern for his boys as he affectionately referred to them, extended far beyond the walls of the institution. His priestly friendship for himself in our name an oblation of his expatriation expressed itself in a constant exchange of letters between him and them. Frequently his needed advice and counsel demanded trips to various parts of the country. His priestly nature of his strength. For how else can one find explanation for the life of a man like Monsignor Dugan?

For instance, what is the reason for the esteem in which Monsignor Dugan is held in St. Margaret Mary's parish? A number of its parishioners in the last few days expressed shock and sadness at his death and all referred to him as "my friend." Monsignor Dugan, yet he was situated there for only a few months twenty three years ago.

Incidentally, I have known few men who had his ability to make and keep friends. When he met a person for the first time it was as if it were a challenge to his friendly nature to make a friend for life. How often when his name would come up in conversation, it was almost invariably prefaced by "my friend Monsignor Dugan."

Wherever he went, he made friends. I have been present on more than one occasion when he was the recipient of a long distance phone call from a person whom he had met on a trip. Monsignor Dugan identified himself with the God of Love in his daily Mass.

His friendly, genial nature endeared him to the patients and staffs at the Monroe County Home and Infirmary and Strong Municipal Hospitals. He was a cheerfully available day or night, member agency of USO. It has been announced here.

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BETTER HEARING MAY MEAN A HAPPIER HOLIDAY

By: Don Galloway

"My Belton makes me feel that 'slightest fear of being complete Christmas is going to last year long," says a hard of hearing lady. She's referring to the amazingly life-like Hearing she receives from her Belton Hearing Glasses. This electronic miracle has enabled her to take part in family and social activities without the

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Rev. Elmer Heindl and Rev. Emmett Davis, altar and candle bearers; Rev. Austin Hartman and Rev. Albert Simonetti were book and candle bearers.

Monsignor Dugan

Following is the text of the sermon given by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur Ratigan at the funeral Mass for Very Rev. Msgr. Gregory Dugan, who died Sunday, Dec. 21, 1958. The funeral was held Wednesday in St. Monica's Church.

The sorrow that wells up in the hearts of the relatives and friends of Monsignor Dugan is a call, when this general friend of the United States. He said he welcomed those present in three ways — as pilgrims, as people who had come from afar and as people who had come with their Cardinals to pay homage to the

Country Home and Infirmary.

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