

Korea Faith

Vienna, (NC) — Bishop John P. Sza, Vicar Apostolic of Tegu, Korea, says that "in spite of material want, religious life in Korea flourishes as never before."

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Father Quirk

Following is the text of the eulogy given by Rev. William Gaynor at the funeral Mass of Rev. Bartholomew Quirk at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wednesday, March 16. Father Quirk died Sunday, March 13, 1960.

"And now there remain faith, hope, charity, these three, and the greatest of these is charity." 1 Cor. 13:13

Our earliest recollections of Father Quirk go back many years. He was a young priest, and there were several of us who were very young children. We were too young to comprehend just what a priest was, but we knew he was associated with God.

From what we observed of Father Quirk, we knew that a priest was someone exceeding in goodness, someone wonderful.

In our minds we inevitably came to think of him as a bearer of gifts. When Father Quirk came home there were gifts for all, with special remembrances for two groups — the very young and the very old. But above all these good things which we associated with him, even then we were capable of distinguishing a higher quality behind the giving of the gifts.

It seemed to be Christ saying, "My child, let me fill your heart with charity, so that you may love Me with a full and perfect love. Charity sees Me in all works. Even when doing things for men, it does them for My sake."

Thus at a tender age we were given more than a glance into the meaning of the charity of Christ. This quality of Father Quirk's, with his kind, patient, wholesome and even humorous attitude on life, was to influence all of us and remain with us all the days of our lives.

After ordination in 1914, Father Quirk's first appointment was assistant pastor at Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, where he remained for 8 years. What human standard could be applied to measure the influence he wielded during those years? To even try would be futile, but we know the effects of his charity went deep into many lives in Holy Rosary Parish during those early years.

After all these years, there are people who remember. Among the parish projects which Father undertook successfully was that of frequent Communion.

In 1922 Father Quirk was appointed administrator of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls. In 1924 he succeeded Father Michael Dwyer as pastor.

Practically his first act on becoming pastor was to arrange for the construction of a new convent. He was solicitous that the Sisters should have a fitting home. In God's Providence, believe this act of Father Quirk's played an important role in his last years.

In his pastoral work as a priest, I have often heard Father Quirk say: "People will not remember what you said; they will remember what you did." Sometimes when individuals would speak about his giving away and distributing of material goods, he would say: "It will return two-fold. It always did, and thus Father had more to distribute."

On Feb. 15, 1931 the new St. Patrick's Church was dedicated in Seneca Falls. In it Father Quirk had put a great deal of himself. Since that time, especially since Bishop Kearney has been Bishop of Rochester, many fine churches have been constructed. But even now, St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls, remains as an outstanding Gothic edifice — a church with character of its own — with refinement and beauty.

We pass over quickly the material things. In his magnificent discourse on Charity in the First Epistle to the Corinthians St. Paul says: "Charity is patient, is kind." This best describes those years. Old hands, young hands, crippled hands, hands worn and battered with years of work were stretched out to Father Quirk in the depression years. None were pushed aside.

They were placed warmly, and sent away filled in the persons of all who stretched them out. In Father Quirk's Parish of Christ, the story of Father Quirk's life during those years could best be told by a quotation from the booklet published in 1958 on the 25th anniversary of St. Patrick's parish: "They are the children of the parish, and Father Thomas Quirk, assistant pastor, long famed for his charity, Father Quirk plunged into the task of maintaining the parish, and of giving aid and assistance to needy parishioners. He gave away, took the four of his parish with his own clothing at times, to come to some one else's assistance. The crushing financial burden of the parish did not shake his sublime faith; while he hoped and prayed for a better day, he did what he could to make that day more livable."

In 1945 Father Quirk was appointed chaplain of St. Ann's Home. St. Paul further says: "Charity never faileth away." In these latter years the characteristics we had known so many years ago in the young priest were just as pronounced. He made countless friends and had untiring patience in dealing with the problems of the sick and the old. In his spare time he was an avid reader with particular emphasis on history. In these final years of his life, it was an impressive thing to accompany Father Quirk any place.

At many minutes would elapse before he would be greeted by cries of affection and surrounded by a group of people who recognized him after many years. Very often they were people he had befriended perhaps a long time before.

As the shadows lengthened in the late afternoon of Father Quirk's life, a remarkable thing happened. Many years ago he had been solicitous about home for the Sisters. Now he found himself under the roof of the Sisters. Indeed, in good, the Sisters lavished on him the same care, patience



Ireland In Korea

Seoul, Korea — (RNS) — Columban Father Patrick MacGilliney from County Donegal, Ireland, instructs a Korean lass in an ancient craft on this genuine Irish spinning wheel which he had shipped from home. With replicas made locally on Cheju-do Island in southern Korea, and under Father MacGilliney's tutelage, his parishioners now spin happily in the Irish manner.

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Cold War Thaws

Red Rally Cheers Priest

Ternitz, Austria — (RNS) — crusading Catholic priest is the almost completely Socialist-controlled steel center, turned tables on his foes when he at last unexpectedly at a Socialist rally organized to arouse the people against him and have him run out of town.

Father Michael Paulus, 39, listened quietly as a speaker denounced him for his outspoken opposition to the new wing of the Socialist Party known as "Catholic Socialists" which was set up during the last election last year to split the Catholic vote.

At the end of the two-hour harangue, during which the speaker himself — a Catholic Socialist — made many Biblical allusions, the priest asked permission to answer the charges.

When this was given, he mounted the rostrum and proceeded to replace the red Socialist table banner with a large picture of the Blessed Virgin. "Since you speak under the symbol of your patron, I am sure you will permit me the same courtesy," he said.

His words brought a burst of applause from the hundreds of steelworkers and their families. Having broken the tension, Father Paulus began to explain just what "peaceful co-existence" has meant for Catholicism in Austria's "model Socialist community."

HE CHARGED: first and foremost, that the church in Ternitz was being slowly starved out of existence because the Socialist town council refused to provide adequate subsidies. Like many Austrian churches dating back to medieval times, the Ternitz church is a public shrine and as such entitled to government funds for maintenance and repairs.

As further evidence of discrimination, the priest cited a recent ruling of the city council.

Albany Plans Diocese Bldg.

Albany — (NC) — The Albany diocese will construct a diocesan office building here. According to present plans, the building will house Evangelist, diocesan newspaper, Catholic Charities, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Bishops' Development Fund, and the diocesan departments of schools, radio and television.

regularizing all dedications of the young pastor won over his audience completely. Instead of the mob's enemies had hoped would agitate to have him removed from town, he was surrounded by workers and their wives who shook hands and congratulated him.

Father Paulus recalled that it the recent dedication of the new city hall, a Socialist dignitary declared that "if the pastor will confine himself to the sacristy and drop all his so-called Catholic Action programs for youth and cease his building projects, he may expect to live a good and long life in Ternitz."

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This "small world" gives birth to questions which sometimes a professor would find difficult to answer. A child's day is interminably long, and filled with "What can I do now?" and "There's nothing to do!" And yet, each small discovery is met with wide-eyed wonder, and each different adventure is faced with the most astounding anticipation.
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Maryknoll Kit Explains Foreign Student Program

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Hotels refused to rent him rooms. Restaurants refused to serve him. When he returned to India he penned a horrible indictment of Christianity based on his experiences in the West.

"I came to love Christ," he said, "and to hate Christians." The Maryknoll International Student Committee, composed of 56 major seminarians preparing for the foreign mission priesthood, is trying to prevent foreign students studying in America from returning to their homelands with similar impressions of Christianity and Christians.

The Committee has prepared a Foreign Visitor Kit to promote understanding between American Catholics and the 47,000 foreign students presently living in the U.S.

The kit contains statistical information on foreign visitors, suggested activities Catholic Organizations can adopt, social programs for foreign visitors, King George IV of England gathering articles on Christian and Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846) and hospitality.

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