Funeral Set For Priest

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He received his assignment to be librarian of St. Bernard's Seminary in 1946 and did special graduate studies in the science at Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois.

He was named curate at St. Mary's, Dansville, in 1950 and four years later to St. Mary's, Horseheads. He was transferred to St. Patrick's, Elmira, last year and has been in failing health since April of this year.

Priests will chant Vespers of the Dead this evening at 8 p.m. Burial will be in the family plot at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Elmira. Arrangements are by Charles F. Hughes and Son.

Father Singerhoff is survived by his mother, Mrs. M. Frances Singerhoff of Elmira, two sisters, Mrs. John Wipsler of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Mrs. George Carr of Elmira.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Do you have any old gold? Or any old silver? Maybe some is hidden away in the attic or in a drawer of your bureau: a single earring, a broken ring, a bracelet out of style, a brooch with the safety catch missing, a tea set, an odd spoon bought in Madrid, perhaps a gold knife with dull edges, a watch with the mainspring broken, a ring you would just as soon forget, a diamond ring in perfect or imperfect condition, a dusty emerald, an unused ruby, or gold coins you forgot you had.

We can use all of these. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith runs a "smelting plant" by which you can turn these into merit. By a mysterious alchemy we convert gold into aid for Africa, Asia, Oceania, and Latin America. Remember the words of Our Lord: "Blind fools, which is greater, the gold or the temple that consecrates the gold? . . . Which is greater, the gift, or the altar that consecrate the gift?" Obviously only when your gold is offered to the Church does it become holy. In your attic, in your pockets, in your bureaus, it is yours; when given to the Holy Father, through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it becomes God's.

Remember how St. James in his Epistle inspired us to take a Divine outlook on our gold: "Suppose that a man comes to you wearing a gold ring; suppose that a poor man comes to you ill clad. Will you pay attention to the well dressed man (and the ring of gold) and bid him take some place of honor; will you tell the poor man, 'Stand where thou art'? . . . Listen to me, my dear brethren, has not God chosen the men who are poor in the world's eyes to be rich in faith . . . ?"

Those without material gold have the spiritual gold of faith. By giving to the poor in the Missions you make them your intercessors in the Kingdom of Heaven. We do not ask you to give all your gold, or even most of it; we just want you to give a tiny bit of it — a broken bit — that you may taste the sweetness of serving the poor through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU to A.V.R. for $40 "I offer $10 from each rental at my summer home to help the poor of the world." . . . to Mr. and Mrs. U.S.D. for $50. "This is in thanksgiving for many graces both spiritual and temporal." . . . to E. M. for $30 "I received three scholarships, which made it possible for me to enter college this fall. Please accept this in grateful appreciation." . . . to K.G. for $110 "This is for a missionary to help him pour God's love into a pagan soul." . . . to J.C.G. for $5 "This is down payment on the future, hope for the present and thanks for the blessings of the past."

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1x, N.Y. or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS,

at Luxor in Upper Egypt, draws tourists from all over the world. Centuries before the time of Christ, the rulers of Egypt were buried here in tombs of magnificent splendor. The visitor is amazed at the evidence he sees of a civilization which existed thousands of years before the Christian era. He is also appalled at the thought of the slave labor involved in bringing these monuments into being; appalling, too, is the poverty of thousands of people living in this area of former pagan greatness.

Near East Missions

The Holy Father's Mission Aid for the Oriental Church

In the village of ARMANT EL HEIT, just a few miles from Luxor, there are 145 Egyptian Catholics of the Coptic Rite. Besides their pastor, these people have five Franciscan Sisters ministering to them in a School, an Orphanage, and a Dispensary; their ministrations are for all the people, not for Catholics alone. Of the 147 children in the School, 87 are Catholic.

The present little Church is made of dried mud and is in constant need of being reinforced. The pastor feels that the civil authorities, for reasons of safety, may soon forbid its use. He appeals for aid in erecting a new Church. Could you help to build a small Church here so it would be apparent East Catholics give the best they possibly can to the King of Kings? $4,000 is needed to construct the Church.

CAN YOU DONATE A SACRED ARTICLE FOR A MISSION CHAPEL?

AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VOCATIONS IN INDIA is clear evidence that the relatively minute Catholic population of that country truly has the will to perpetuate the faith in their own land and to draw others to our Holy Church. Among the boys and girls of India preparing for the priesthood and sisterhood are JOSEPH CHAKKALAKAL and GEORGE MADAMANA, students at SAINT JOSEPH'S SEMINARY, and SISTER TERESA and SISTER SILVIA, novices of the CLARIST SISTERS. Since the Catholics of India are too poor to support seminaries and novitiates, these institutions are able to function only through the generosity of Catholics from other lands. The cost of educating a priest is $600 ($100 a year for six years); the cost of training a sister is $300 ($150 a year for two years). Could you pay for the education of a priest or sister in Mission territory?

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

Membership in the CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION helps our Holy Father give aid to the Missions in the Near and Middle East. Why not use the following form to enroll or renew membership? Check the type of membership, clip the form from the paper and send it to us today.

Dear Cardinal Spellman:

I wish to enroll (renew my membership) in the CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION. I enclose a check (money order) for $1.00 as Annual Membership Dues.

I wish to enroll (renew membership for) my family. I enclose a check (money order) for $5.00 as Annual Membership Dues.

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ADDRESS .....

Near East Missions
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480 Lexington Ave. at 46th St. New York 17, N. Y.

Father Zwierlein Funeral

Solemn funeral rites were held Friday morning, Oct. 7, for Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Zwierlein at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Kearney offered the Requiem Mass and Father Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary gave the eulogy. (Text on this page.)

Father Zwierlein, 78, was professor-emeritus of Church history at St. Bernard's. He was nationally known for his scholarly books and articles. He died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1960. Biographical details of the author-priest were in last week's Courier Journal.

Assisting the Bishop at the funeral ceremony were Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, P.A., archpriest; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Frank Hoefen and Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Schmitt, deacons; Rev. John McGann, deacon of the Mass and Rev. Paul Wohlrab, subdeacon.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey was in the Cathedral sanctuary for the Requiem.

Masters of ceremonies were Very Rev. Msgr. Edward McAniff and Rev. Conrad Sundholm.

Acolytes were Rev. Joseph Reinhart and Rev. Elmer Schmitt; bookbearer and candlebearer, Rev. Bernard Kuchman and Rev. Edwin Metzger. Gremiale and miter bearers were Rev. Andrew Teuschel and Rev. Gerard Krieg. Thurifer was Rev. Donald Murphy.

Attending the Mass were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors J. Francis Goggin, John E. Maney, Wilfred T. Craugh, Thomas Connors, Charles Shay, Frank Mason, Maynard Connell, Francis Burns, John Duffy, Dennis Hickey, George Eckl and Very Rev. Msgr. Emmet Murphy and more than 50 priests.

Priests and seminarians under the direction of Rev. Robert Smith chanted the Mass. Father Zwierlein's body was buried in the priests' plot at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Irish Bells From America

Dublin — (RNS) — An Irish-American woman, Mrs. M. Mackey, has donated a set of bells costing $36,000 to St. Brid-get's Church in her native village of Union Hall, Cork.

A campanile will be built and the bells will be installed by technicians from the United States, according to officials of the church.

Father Zwierlein

Following is the text of the sermon given by Rev. Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary at the funeral Mass of Rev. Dr. Frederick Zwierlein, professor-emeritus of the Seminary faculty. Father Zwierlein died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 1960. His funeral was held at Sacred Heart Cathedral Friday, Oct. 7.

"I have not labored for myself only, but for all that seek out the truth." (Ecclesiasticus, 24:47)

Most Reverend Bishop, dearly beloved in Christ:

Scarcely a week ago Dr. Frederick Zwierlein paid a visit to St. Bernard's Seminary Library. It was to be his last visit, the last of thousands of visits made in the interests of scholarship. It was also a typical visit, for during the course of it this priest, who was fast approaching his seventy-ninth birthday, told the librarian enthusiastically about new plans he had for writing a history of early American Catholicism.

My dear friends, in giving us priests, God has given us a most precious gift. What, indeed, would we do without our priests? They govern and guide us, they teach us, they sanctify us in Christ. Truly we should thank God for them every day of our lives. And when I say we, I mean not only the laity. I mean other priests, and bishops, and popes. From our cradles to our graves, from our baptisms to our Requiems priests are faithful shepherds to each of us, to clergy and laity alike.

Now while all priests perform some pastoral functions not all priests are assigned by God's providence to full-time parochial labors. There must always be some engaged in administrative work, in teaching, in research.

FATHER ZWIERLEIN was called upon to follow this less usual form of priestly apostolate. He was called upon to spend his life in teaching, and even more particularly, in historical research. It was Bishop Bernard McQuaid, the pioneer bishop of Rochester and the founder of St. Bernard's Seminary, who first discerned in young Frederick Zwierlein the makings of a good historian. It was he who sent the youthful priest to Louvain and to Rome for two years of intensive historical studies. Father Zwierlein took full advantage of his opportunities; and when he returned in 1907 to teach in St. Bernard's, he returned a mature and solid scholar. Both as a teacher and since his retirement in 1938, he has written much on historical subjects. Two of these works are of permanent historical value: his life of Bishop McQuaid and his "Theodore Roosevelt and Catholics."

The true scholar must have two great qualities: patience and precision. All those who knew Father Zwierlein as a teacher or as a scholar know how eminently he possessed these characteristics and for him the tedium of lonely labors and the fastidious demands of historical exactitude, imposed no great burden, for he always set about his work with the most ardent dedication.

AT THE ROOT of this sense of dedication was his noblest trait: a passionate devotion to historical truth. Historical truth can be compared to a diamond. When the toiling miner unearths it with his spade, it may appear dull and insignificant. But when it is cut and polished, it reflects better than anything else the beauty of the sun. Historical truth, too — this fact or that fact mined from the past — may seem trivial; but as a truth, it is a reflection however small of the perfection of a God who, as the psalmist says, is "The God of truth" (Ps. 30:6).

Who among Dr. Zwierlein's former students does not well remember the emphasis he laid on this point. When did he fail to quote to beginners in his courses that dictum of Cicero which Pope Leo XIII had made his own: 1. Never to dare to say what is false. 2. Never to fear to say what is true. 3. Never to become suspect of partiality or animosity. And who among those that have read his writings can deny that he was thorough in his research, of the facts and utterly candid in setting them forth?

Today's sad and solemn event suggests, I think, two thoughts for us to consider.

The first thought is this: Dr. Zwierlein's example reminds us that we, too, must champion truth. These are days in which the world holds truth at a discount, when the "big lie" and slanted word are more often the standard than the exception.

Yet we know that as the Psalmist tells us "the Lord will require truth" (Ps. 30:24). We would do well, therefore, to imitate our deceased friend in his wholehearted devotion, not only to the eternal truths of our faith, but to the virtue of truthfulness itself: truth in our thoughts, truth in our words, truth in our actions.

The second thought for us to consider is that Father Zwierlein needs our prayers, just as all of us, priests, religious, laymen, will need upon our deaths, the good prayers of those whom we have left behind.

Let us therefore first thank God for giving us in Frederick Zwierlein so exemplary a witness to the virtue of truth. And let us fervently pray that Christ, who is the way, the life, and the truth, may lead him quickly into the vision of God, before whose burning verity the shadow of falsehood finds no place.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

New Delhi — (RNS) — Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, and Gregory Peter XV Cardinal Agagianian, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith led 70 archbishops and bishops from all over India to their five day quinquennial conference in New Delhi. Pope John XXIII, in a message to the hierarchy, congratulated them on the role they are playing in India's religious revival.

Stalin's Countryman

Cardinal Heads Missions

Union City — Although both were born in the same region in Russia, Gregoire Pierre XV Cardinal Agagianian never met his fellow Georgian, Joseph Stalin, according to an article in the October issue of The Sign, national Catholic magazine, published here.

Paul F. Healy, author of the article, queried the cardinal about the legend that he had met Stalin and another story that he had met Stalin's mother who said to him sadly, "My son, too, once studied for the priesthood."

Both stories, Healy says, the cardinal denies.

"However, he did study closely the career of his fellow Georgian and has become one of the most knowledgeable members of the hierarchy in this field," Healy reports.

Cardinal Agagianian, Healy continues, "directs the Church's world wide missionary activities as Prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith and as Patriarch of 200,000 Armenian Rite Catholics, he symbolizes the unity of East and West in the Church."

BORN IN RUSSIA in 1895, the cardinal was ordained in Rome in 1917. He was made a bishop in 1935 and elected Patriarch of Cilicia of the Armenians at Beirut in 1937. The Red Hat was bestowed upon him in 1946. In 1958, Pope Pius XII appointed him pro-prefect of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith and he became Prefect last July upon the death of Cardinal Biondi.

Cardinal Agagianian has made three trips to the U.S. "In 1954," Healy reports, "he said that the facts of Catholic life as he had seen them in the United States refuted the charge that America is a country of materialists."

"The extraordinary number of vocations to the contemplative life is an obvious answer to the charge," the cardinal said. "But, beyond this, we must point to the countless American missionaries who have left all material comforts and sought out in the desolate and difficult parts of the world new areas for the salvation of souls."

"This year," the Sign article relates, "the cardinal visited seminaries and convents while traveling to Washington, D.C., Chicago, Dubuque, South Bend, Philadelphia, Boston and New York. He held numerous press conferences but smilingly refused to be drawn into a discussion of political questions. Nonetheless, he did make one significant point relating to his work: 'Wherever the Church is free, the missions are prospering.'"

This week the Cardinal was in Bombay, India, to dedicate a new million dollar seminary built largely from U.S. contributions.

Mission Sunday October 23rd

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Established in 1822

WHAT IS MISSION SUNDAY?

A Sunday set aside by the Holy Father as a day for Catholics throughout the world to become interested in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and he missions of the Catholic Church. Mission Sunday is always the second last in October, preceding the feast of Christ the King.

HOW CAN WE HELP THE MISSIONS?

We can help the Missions by enrolling in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, by prayer and by encouraging vocations to a missionary life.

WHAT IS THE SOCIETY FOR PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH?

"AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED BY THE CHURCH, to help support the Catholic Missions." The first contributions gathered by this Society in 1822 were sent to Missions in Louisiana and Kentucky. The Propagation of the Faith is established in every diocese in the world.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A MISSIONARY?

One who is sent by the Church to preach the Gospel to those who have not yet heard the message of Christ.

WHERE ARE THE MISSIONARIES WORKING?

Some work in their own countries and may be called Home Missionaries; others labor in foreign countries, mostly in pagan lands; they are the Foreign Missionaries.

WHAT IS A MISSIONARY?

In a general way "Mission" means the united efforts of the Catholic Church (both of the Clergy and the Laity) to convert all men to true Christianity. In particular, "Catholic Missions" are the places where these efforts are being carried out. More particularly, "Catholic Missions" refer to these efforts as they are carried out among pagan and non-Catholic peoples.

ARE ALL THESE PLACES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES?

No. Those in one's own country are called "Home Missions," and those in other countries are called "Foreign Missions."

WHAT HELP DOES THE SOCIETY GIVE TO MISSIONS?

Prayers and alms. The more important is prayer.

HOW ARE THE ALMS DISTRIBUTED TO MISSIONS?

By an International Committee chosen by the Pope himself. This guarantees the impartiality of the distribution and makes certain that help is given to the missionary who needs it most. All missionaries are poor, but some are poorer than others. It helps missionaries of all nationalities, without exception.

WHERE DOES THE SOCIETY GET ALMS FOR THE MISSION?

Alms come from many sources; gifts, legacies, etc., but the chief income of the Society is the annual offering of the members.

WHAT ARE THESE OFFERINGS?

Ordinary Membership $1 annually. Special Membership $5 per year (may include nine other members, living or deceased). Perpetual Membership $50 for an individual. Family Perpetual Membership $100 (limited to mother, father, and their sons and daughters—whether living or deceased.) Perpetual memberships may be paid in installments within one year.

WHAT HAVE YOUR SACRIFICES DONE SO FAR?

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith with its 100,000 missionaries aids 55 million people throughout the world and maintains:

- 1,200 Hospitals
- 350 Leprosaria
- 45,000 Elementary Schools
- 5,000 High and Superior Schools
- 1,100 Professional and Normal Schools
- 2,000 Orphanages
- 280 Homes for the Aged
- 3,400 Dispensaries

DO BOTH THE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS RECEIVE ALMS FROM THE SOCIETY?

Yes. The Superiors of the Society at Rome, representing the Holy Father, order a division of funds, accruing from membership dues between Home and Foreign Missions.

HOW DOES THE SOCIETY HELP MISSIONS BY PRAYER?

It obliges its members to say daily one "Our Father," and "Hail Mary," and also the ejaculation "Saint Francis Xavier, pray for us."

WHY DOES THE SOCIETY ADOPT THIS PARTICULAR EJACULATION?

Because Saint Francis Xavier is the great missionary of the modern period. On November 10, 1909, Pope Pius X designated him as Patron of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Saint Teresa, the Little Flower of Jesus, was made the Patroness of Catholic Missions by Pope Pius XI.

TO BE A GOOD MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY, IS IT NECESSARY BOTH TO PRAY DAILY FOR THE MISSIONS AND TO GIVE ALMS?

Yes. In no case is the payment of dues alone sufficient to make a good member. The daily prayer is part of the membership obligation.

DO MEMBERS GAIN ANY PERSONAL BENEFITS?

Besides the satisfaction and honor of having a hand in the greatest thing that is going on in the world, the Christianization of manhood, members gain very many precious indulgences, and they share in the 15,000 Masses offered annually for living and deceased benefactors; also they share in the prayers and good works of all the missionary priests, brothers and sisters whom they aid.

HOW DID THE SOCIETY DECIDE UPON PRAYERS AND ALMS FOR THE MISSIONS?

At a meeting of Fervent French Catholics in the City of Lyons, France, on May 3, 1822, it was decided to adopt a plan for the support of all the Missions in the world, which a pious French girl, Pauline Jaricot by name, had inaugurated among her friends for the support of some foreign missions. This plan was a prayer a day; an alms a month for the Missions.

MAY DECEASED PERSONS BE ENROLLED?

They may be enrolled by their friends as Ordinary, Special or Perpeual Members and partake of the spiritual benefits.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS SOCIETY?

You may write to:

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