

Monsignor Edelman

Following is the text of the sermon at Monsignor Louis W. Edelman's funeral Mass at St. Louis Church, Pittsford, Saturday, Feb. 22. Father L. James Callan gave the sermon following the Mass offered by Bishop Kearney.

"Thou art a Priest forever..."

—Psalm 109.

These are the words which were uttered some sixty-two years ago in the sanctuary of St. Patrick's Cathedral, to the priest who lies here today.

No other day in a lifetime quite lives as does the day of ordination, and these words are the fulfillment of years of study and preparation. "Thou art a priest..."

But today with the triumphant sound of a great trumpet that sweeps beyond space and time, through eternity, comes the impact of that last word: "Forever..." "Thou art a priest, forever!"

"Now thou dost dismiss Thy servant, O Lord! No sadness, no darkness, no emptiness. For a priest, forever marked with his priesthood, with Jesus, and with the Holy Spirit, and every high priest, an "Alter Christus," has gone home: a good and faithful servant."

He was a man from among men, this priest, this "Other Christ"—who offered sacrifice—who is a mediator—an intercessor—who stood between God and man—who offered to God, sacrifice, and to man, guidance and direction, understanding and encouragement, correction and grace—who taught as much by what he was as by what he said. A man from among men—like all men, of human feelings and trials and failings—but who by grace and dedication was appointed by God to lead. It is not easy to lead in the world today. Indeed it was never so.

Monsignor Edelman's priesthood spanned from the beginning of the century—the horse and buggy days—to the days of the nuclear age—June 14, 1902 to Feb. 19, 1964. What fantastic changes are here, yet the man, the priest, was the same. He never changed—the same easy, gracious manner, the marvelous sense of humor, always the gentleman, and the gentleman, always the priest. A keen mind, an instinctive regard for the needs of others, reflected credit to his priesthood and he carried it with dignity and respect.

We think of the young priest! Only God can judge abscond and his first days at St. Bridget's, lately. Who can measure the

Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's, his year at Florence, Italy, yet one would not turn back the clock to those days—the cold and harshness of winter in an open carriage, or the dust of a summer, the long days, which were there too.

Monsignor Edelman served all five bishops of this Diocese, and in many capacities: Master of Ceremonies and secretary to Bishop McQuaid, 47 years on the Diocesan Cemetery Board, 23 years on the Diocesan Matrimonial Board, 4 years as Pastor of this parish. He served faithfully, retiring in 1952. He made friends all his life, and kept them in every walk of life. He gave his talents—and he had many—generously. And with those talents he worked unsparingly, eagerly. No dreamer, no wishful-thinker; the battle was in the market place and he did not hesitate to enter the lists. He was an inveterate traveler, a man of many interests, and always a priest.

Monsignor Edelman's great interest was in the young—in education. Here was the challenge: To mold the minds of those who were yet to take their place and lead. He never stopped studying himself, gaining his doctorate from St. Bonaventure and his light shone out to many. He is the only man in the Diocese to have taught in the Seminary, and in all three Catholic Colleges. Seven years in St. Andrew's seminary, plus many more, of conferences to the seminarians—23 years at Nazareth College from the days of its lowly and humble beginnings in 1924 to 1940—at Catherine McAuley College in the days of its beginnings—at St. John Fisher College. What a record of influence in the lives of so many!

He had an infirmity—which he bore some 35 years. It is a tribute to his courage and strength of will that he bore it not only patiently, but with a kind of disbelieving tolerance that it should be there at all. His doctors can attest that it cost him a great deal of pain.

How does one measure his life? Only God can judge abscond and his first days at St. Bridget's, lately. Who can measure the

Funeral Held for Pittsford Pastor

Bishop Kearney offered solemn Requiem Mass for Monsignor Louis W. Edelman at St. Louis Church, Pittsford, Saturday, Feb. 22. Monsignor Edelman, 66, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1964.

In the eulogy at the Mass, Father James Callan, for many years a curate to Monsignor Edelman, termed the venerable priest "counselor, guide, director." He cited his many years as teacher at Rochester's two seminaries and three Catholic colleges.



Newmanites Hold Breakfast

NEWMAN CLUB of Auburn Community College received Holy Communion in a body at St. Mary's Church Sunday, followed by a breakfast at Auburn Inn. Shown in photo are: Nick Kuncio, president; Father John T. Walsh, assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, chaplain; Mrs. Gerard T. Lesch, member of the Auburn Board of Education, speaker; Joseph Camarito and Mrs. Helen Mahon, faculty advisors; and Susan Melnick, vice-president.

Korea Tops in Converts

Vatican City—(RNS)—South Korea was the Catholic Church's most fruitful mission area last year, according to a report issued by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

The report disclosed that with 31,394 adult baptisms last year, South Korea Catholics now number over half a million, or two per cent of the population, as compared with 167,000 ten years ago. It said priests in South Korea total 697, of whom 284 are foreign.

IN AFRICA, Catholics made up 10 per cent of the total population, and ecclesiastical jurisdictions of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith numbered 266.

The Church can only enlarge upon this if funds are sufficient and vocations plentiful, the report said. "Here the principal hope lies in the seminaries, of which 81 depend upon the Congregation."

The report noted that in Asia, which embraces 55 per cent of the world's population, Catholics make up only 2.1 per cent of the total and are concentrated in certain areas with 399 ecclesiastical regions dependent on the Congregation. It said the mission area's 29 major seminaries ordained 249 Asian priests in 1963.

Although the Church in Communist China remains a Church of Silence, the number of Chinese faithful increased in the past ten years by 200,000 to 452,462, the report said.

It pointed out that this was an increase of 325 per cent against an overall population gain of 85 per cent.

However, it added, "these figures only concern those Chinese who sought refuge from Communist rule throughout the world, not those living inside Red China proper."

The report said 70 ecclesiastical jurisdictions remain under the Congregation in Latin America, where "the main handicap is a lack of qualified missionary personnel."

In the Pacific area and the regions of Oceania, covering almost 10,000 islands, or a third of the globe, mission work was begun in 1834, and still continues to experience great difficulties, according to the report. These handicaps, it stressed, arose from widespread ignorance, poverty and anti-religious propaganda.

In a pastoral letter issued here, the bishops also stressed that sermons must be given during all public Masses on Sundays and feast days.

Homes Sought for Year For Latin Am. Students

An urgent plea was made this week for families in the United States to welcome a Latin American student for a year.

The National Council of Catholic Women, sponsor of the exchange program, reported only one third of the needed homes are so far arranged.

Those who wish to know details of the program may phone Mrs. Thomas McWhinney, UN 5-1731, Rochester.

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Dear Miss Young:

Our son, 16, has saved enough money from his supermarket job to buy a used car. He is a junior in high school, a better than average student, and is pretty well behaved. Should we allow him to buy the car?

"Slightly Apprehensive Mother"

Dear Mother:

By all means!

If he's responsible enough to have earned sufficient money to buy his own car, he's certainly responsible enough to drive it.

Give him a big hug for me. He's the kind of boy all of us are proud of.

Sincerely,
Loretta Young

Dear Loretta Young:

I am 28, single and a "working girl." I don't want to stay that way, but what can I do? I know that "inner beauty" is what really wins a husband, but I maintain that "outer beauty" must have something to do with getting him to look at you in the first place. And I'm short on that. My nose is rather large and crooked and I must wear glasses.

Secretly, I have been saving for plastic surgery and contact lenses. Is this selfish vanity or do you think that I would be justified in spending the money to improve my appearance? Another problem is that I greatly resemble my mother.

"My Mother's Image"

Dear "Mother's Image":

If your nose is grotesque, and I mean really repulsive, you should certainly feel free to have it fixed through plastic surgery. A great many people have been helped by plastic surgery to a less self-conscious life, and consequently, a happier one. Personally, I like glasses, especially nowadays when they have such pretty ones. However, that's only a matter of taste.

Here are some other considerations for you—very important matters of honesty which only you can answer:

Are you sure that it is your nose that is keeping you from

Dear Miss Young:

winning a husband? You mentioned that your resemble your mother. I presume that you mean that you have inherited that nose. Have you considered that it didn't keep her from finding a husband? Do you think it is possible that you dwell a little too much on your physical appearance and not enough on developing a warm and happy disposition? I have found that men like a pleasant, considerate and interesting personality more than anything, at least as a steady diet.

Let me know what you decide.

Sincerely,
Loretta Young

Dear Miss Young:

I have five sons of high school and college age. Naturally, as a father I have serious responsibilities toward them, and I am acutely aware of this fact.

We have had a long-standing controversy (the last two years) over drive-in movies. I took my wife to a drive-in one night and didn't like what I saw there, and, as a result, my sons are not allowed to take a date to one.

My sons say that I am ridiculous, precluding, untrusting, unlikable, unrealistic and out-of-line. Could you tell them that I'm right and that I take these positions for their own sakes?

"About To Be Driven Out"

Dear "About To Be":

Stick to your guns, dad. Even the kids themselves call drive-in movies "Passion Pits."

You'd be out of line as a decent parent if you didn't forbid them to frequent such places. If they go anyway, the problem becomes theirs, not yours. You've fulfilled your responsibility by giving them the example to follow and sound principles for action.

Sincerely,
Loretta Young

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Assisting Bishop Kearney at the funeral Mass were Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, vicar general and chancellor, assistant priest; Very Rev. Charles Lavery and Rev. Paul Murley, deacons of honor; Rev. William Shannon was deacon and Rev. Edward Lintz, subdeacon.

Masters of ceremonies were Rev. James Moynihan and Rev. Gerard Krieg.

Acolytes were Rev. Robert MacNamara and Rev. John Dillon. Rev. John Lynch was thurifer.

Rev. John Skvorak and Rev. John J. Quigley were mitre and grenade bearers; Rev. William Sisson and Rev. James Tierney were book and candle bearers.

AUXILIARY BISHOP Lawrence B. Casey attended the Mass as did also the Rt. Rev. Monsignors Wilfred T. Coughlin, Richard K. Burns, John M. Duffy, John E. Muldoon, Leslie Whalen, Leo V. Smith, John F. Neary, Adelbert J. Schneider, Dennis Hickey, George Ecki, Charles Shay, William Rausch, John Randall, John Ball, and nearly fifty other priests.

A priests' choir directed by Rev. Charles McCarthy sang the Mass, burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements were by Zornd's Funeral Home, Pittsford.

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