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Funeral Held For Owego's Fr. O'Brien

Parishioners and townsmen paid a three day tribute to their pastor, Father William J. O'Brien, following his sudden death July 27. Mourners filed steadily into St. Patrick's Church, Owego, to pray for his soul and to reflect on his twelve years pastorate in that southern tier city.

He was eulogized in the Owego Times newspaper as "a dedicated priest who gave his whole heart, soul and mind to the spiritual life of his hundreds of parishioners." He mixed his guidance with a friendliness and cheerfulness that was extended to all Owegoans regardless of their religious affiliation or station in life.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey offered the funeral Mass Friday morning. Fifty priests joined nuns and lay people to fill the Owego church for the Requiem rites.

Father Michael L. Reagan, a former assistant pastor in Owego, in the sermon at the Mass characterized Father O'Brien as "generous, kind and cheerful"—Christ-like not only in his official action as a priest but in his day to day contact with people.

Biographical details of Father O'Brien were in last week's Courier.

Assisting Bishop Casey at the Mass were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward K. Ball, Rev. John Redington, Rev. Joseph O'Connell, Rev. James Moynihan and Rev. Francis Feeney. Serving the Mass were Fathers Robert Fehnessy, Francis Turner, Francis Turner, Francis Kleehammer, Edward Foy, William Burns, Orrin Feller and Francis Harding.

A priests' choir sang the chants of the Mass.

Prelate Forms Inner-City Unit

Wilmington, Del.—(NC)—The diocese of Wilmington has established an office to coordinate inner-city development.

Bishop Michael W. Hyle said it "will complement and facilitate the efforts of other diocesan agencies" as well as "aid in the development of programs of social action and projects of participation in the federal anti-poverty program." Programs of joint action with other church-related groups involved in community development efforts will be particularly encouraged, he added.

Theologians' Meeting To Be Held in March

Notre Dame — (NC) — An international conference of theologians on "The Main Theological Issues of Vatican II" is planned by the University of Notre Dame from March 20 to 26, 1966.

Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., university president, said council Fathers and theologians from this country and abroad, who have been influential in formulation of council documents, will present papers in three major areas—"Religion and Revelation," "The Church," and "The Church in the World Today."

Rome School To Spur Study Of Latin

Rome—(NC)—The Pontifical Institute for Advanced Latin Studies is scheduled to be opened here in October.

Its establishment was authorized by Pope Paul VI in February, 1964.

The institute will be located in buildings belonging to the new complex of colleges forming the Pontifical Salesian Athenaeum in Rome. Giuseppe Cardinal Pizzardo, prefect of the Congregation of Seminaries and Universities, has been named grand chancellor of the institute. He will be assisted by the Rector Maggioro of the Salesian Society as vice grand chancellor, and by the Rector Magnificus of the Salesian Athenaeum.

The Institute of Advanced Latin Studies will offer a four-year course leading to a doctoral degree. Greek language and literature will be taught as well as Latin.

Christmas Tour To Holy Land

Dates for a Christmas in Bethlehem Holy Land Pilgrimage have been announced by the Franciscan Fathers of the Holy Land Commissariat.

Rev. Lawrence J. Mooney, O.Carm., will be spiritual director for the pilgrimage, which departs New York Dec. 19 and returns January 4.

Pilgrims will attend Midnight Mass in Bethlehem. Other places to be visited are Jericho, Beirut and Rome. An audience with the Pope is also planned.

Further information and a brochure can be obtained from the Catholic Travel Office, Dupont Circle Building, Washington, D.C.

Anglican Nuns in U.S.

Rosary, Prayers for Unity

Providence, R.I. — (NC) — Among the leading influences in the movement toward Christian unity in the United States today are groups of Anglican nuns.

Communities of Anglican Sisters have been working in this country for many years—almost unknown by Catholics. When seen by Catholics on the street, they would invariably be accepted and greeted as Roman Catholics, since most of them wear religious garb and live lives nearly identical to their Catholic Sisters.

Now things are changing. As a result of the Vatican Council, nuns have often taken the initiative in Christian renewal.

Anglican Sisters have moved as rapidly as any others, forming new contacts with Catholics and making their presence felt in the world.

There are 16 orders of Episcopalian or Anglican nuns in the United States. A brief survey has revealed that a major concern of all has been Christian unity.

The Sisters of St. Anne at Arlington Heights, Mass., for instance, have begun a worldwide chain of prayer among Anglican and Catholic Sisters for church unity. The Massachusetts community has conducted an ecumenical workshop at which representatives of new England Catholic commu-

nities were invited to hear explanations of the Anglican liturgy. A second meeting is being planned for this August.

A year ago, Sister Joel of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity in Providence, R.I., suggested that the local Episcopalian women's group schedule a Catholic nun as their annual luncheon speaker. That first meeting paved the way for further encounters at which Catholic and Anglican nuns would gather to talk about subjects ranging from the liturgy to changing the religious habit.

The Holy Nativity Sisters are not in favor of changing their garb. They wear a black serge habit, a black veil, white wimple and collar and a black cross. They follow the rule of St. Augustine and have discovered their daily life is nearly identical to that of the Catholic nuns.

In Dubuque, Iowa, a group of Transfiguration Episcopal Sisters from Glendale, Ohio, were summer guests this year at a convent of the Sisters of Charity. The Transfiguration Sisters said they noticed more similarities than differences in their ways of life.

The Episcopalian nuns say a longer daily office than the Catholic Sisters. If possible they remain silent each day from noon to 3 p.m.—the hours Christ spent on the Cross—and they observe the same days of fast, and abstinence. Before receiving Holy Communion, the Episcopalian Sisters maintain a fast from midnight of the previous day.

Anglican Sisters from a half dozen communities regularly attend the annual Institute for Religious Superiors held at the University of Notre Dame. They report that in many places they are attending Catholic meetings for provincials, novice mistresses and directors of vocations.

Sister Elizabeth Marian, assistant superior of the Convent of St. John the Baptist in Mendham, N.J., said her Sisters have for years attended profession and clothing ceremonies at the nearby Catholic convent of the Sister of Christian Charity. In return, they have entertained the Catholic nuns with a "Roman dinner" at the Anglican convent.

Just as the Catholic communities do, Anglican nuns recite the rosary, begin their day with meditation and Mass and read books by such authors as Father Ronald Knox, Msgr. Romano Guardini and Cardinal Newman. Informal discussions are often centered on the ecumenical council.



Quiet Stroll on 'Fun Day'

Omaha —(RNS)—Two young guests at a "fun day" at Duchesne College in Omaha stroll on the quiet campus with Mother Mary McMenamy of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. Later the children joined about 30 others from Omaha's northside Negro ghetto in recreation and refreshments. Sharing the day with them were a group of Sacred Heart nuns. The children were invited to the campus by Mother Constance Campbell, president of Duchesne. They were brought by several Duchesne students who are spending the Summer as volunteers for the Omaha Social Action Council and living in the Negro community.

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