

Msgr. Grady Eulogies

From a Seminary Professor

By Father Robert McNamara

When failing health made it necessary, a few months ago, for Monsignor Joseph E. Grady to leave St. Bernard's Seminary, the priests and students of the seminary spoke a sad farewell to the little man who had served as their vice rector since 1937. During those years, Monsignor Grady not only taught pedagogy to a generation of seminarians, and given scores of the latest and best books to the seminary library, he had also been, to his peers and his juniors, an interested and generous companion and friend, of buoyant spirit and tantalizing good humor.

Despite his many years at the seminary, Monsignor was best known as a public educator. He came into special prominence between 1928 and 1937, when he served as principal of Aquinas Institute. A stimulating principal he was. Mother Helene of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who was on the Aquinas staff in those days, says, "He invited us to growth." He was always encouraging his faculty to experiment with new tools and new methods of teaching to keep broadening their approach.

Some of Rochester's most prominent business and professional men had Father Grady as principal during their Aquinas years. He was, they say, noted for his fairness. He maintained a feeling of mutual trust with his boys,

tempering justice with mercy. He called them "gentlemen," and they rose to that challenge.

As an educator, Monsignor Grady was both Catholic and catholic. He conducted a Catholic high school, but he kept in close contact with education in the public high school system.

For a number of years there was a discussion group made up of high-school educators from the various public high schools, and Dr. Grady was one of its most active and most welcome members.

His fellow-member, Dr. James R. Spinning, superintendent-emeritus of the Rochester public school system, fondly recalls this association with the Aquinas principal. "He brought clarity and charity to the meetings," says Dr. Spinning, "and was held in the highest regard." If this mutual exchange was profitable to the other members, it was very profitable to Father Grady, for it enabled him to bring back to his own faculty fresh knowledge of educational trends.

Dr. Grady served many years on the board of trustees of the Rochester School for the Deaf. At the time of his death he had for 30 years been a trustee of the Rochester Public Library. He took his library work in particular, very seriously, attending library meetings and events dutifully, serving as a trustee

on the Monroe County Library Association, and as liaison between the Public Library board and the Friends of the Rochester Public Library.

As a trustee, says Mr. Harold S. Kacker, library director, Monsignor Grady was an able organizer and a skilled chairman, who brought to the meetings the salt of an amiable and saving wit. It is not surprising that he was elected chairman of the board for not one, but two terms.

In late months, the trustees have insisted on holding their meetings at St. Ann's Home, where Father Grady was staying. "He came to us faithfully for years," they explained. "Now the least we can do is go to him."

Although most of his week was occupied with educational interests, Monsignor Grady performed many clerical functions. For years he offered Mass every Sunday at St. Louis Church, Pittsford, and daily Mass at Old St. Mary's Church in downtown Rochester. And each Sunday he made a tour of the local hospitals to visit his sick friends. A quick call, a cheery word, a blessing, perhaps, and he was gone. But his visits brought a true priestly consolation to many.

"Priest" and "teacher" go well together, for Christ was both. The words "He was an educator of men" might well be carved on the headstone of Joseph E. Grady. And there are few nobler epitaphs.

Father Ferrer Returns to India

New Delhi, India—(NC)—A controversial Spanish Jesuit who was accused of anti-national activities has returned to India after a four-and-a-half month absence abroad.

Father Vicente Ferrer, S.J., was deported from India at the end of June amid a controversy over his activities in Maharashtra state. The deportation order provided that

Layman Receives Spellman Award

Washington—(NC)—Dr. Martin R. P. McGuire of the Catholic University of America has received the Cardinal Spellman Award of the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA) as the outstanding Catholic theologian of the year.

Presentation of the award was made to Dr. McGuire by Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York. The award was originated in 1947 by the late Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York.

Dr. McGuire, the first layman to be so honored in the 22-year history of the Cardinal Spellman Award, was senior editor of the 15-volume New Catholic Encyclopedia, is vice president of the publishing firm Corpus Instrumentum, and is editor-in-chief of the Catholic Theological Encyclopedia. He is professor of Greek, Latin and Ancient History at Catholic University, associate editor of the Catholic Historical Review, and chairman of the executive committee of "Medieval and Renaissance Latin Translation and Commentaries."

Father Ferrer could return to India after a period of absence abroad if he would be accepted for work in one of the country's other states.

The priest said he had been invited by Bishop Ignatius Mummadi of Guntur to go there, but he added that he could not say at present whether he will settle permanently in Guntur. He said his future plans depend upon talks he will have with Indian officials here.

The Spanish missionary's deportation followed a long

conflict between Christians and anti-missionary Hindu elements over the priest's activities in Maharashtra state, particularly his organization of farmers in the form of a self-help group called the Farmers' Service Society which was established mainly for the purpose of providing irrigation and other agricultural improvements around the town of Mammad. He was accused of anti-national activities and of using his welfare projects to convert Hindus to Christianity, but denied all these accusations.

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Mary Lou Schwartz of Bishop Kearney High School won second place in the "best speaker" category in the fourth annual debate tournament at McQuaid Jesuit High School.
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Sister Albina was in the 76th year of religious life. She had taught in Immaculate Conception School, Rochester, and St. Mary's School, Canandaigua. She retired from teaching in 1939.
Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Mary Ilayn and a niece, Miss Florence Lang, both of Utica; also a nephew, Francis Lang of Rochester.

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Deaths

E. J. Murtha

A requiem Mass was offered Nov. 15 at St. Augustine's Church for Ernest J. Murtha of 180 Woodbine. He died Nov. 12.
Survivors include his widow, Dorothy; four children, Donald, James, Robert and Linda Murtha, and a sister, Mrs. Marvin Ritzenhaller.

Brother Vincent

Brother Vincent Gerat, S.V.D., formerly of the Divine Word mission at Conesus, died Nov. 5 while on a visit to the society's Bordentown, N.J., seminary.
He had been stationed lately at the seminary in Duxbury, Mass.

Brother Vincent was born in Czechoslovakia 59 years ago. He joined the society there in 1929 and was transferred in 1935 to Eastern U.S. Province.
The funeral and burial were at Gerard, Pa.

From a Former Student

By PINCER LEAVEN

I think the name of the class was supposed to be Education 1. And I don't remember that word ever being used. But the man who taught it was—an education.

"Sirs," he once said, "The only law of the Spirit is to grow up; now copy down this list of books; by the way don't ever be afraid of John Dewey."

We called him "Quizzer" in those days. Whenever he ran out of class material he would spring a short examination. This happened about every other day. His final exams were masterpieces. He would open several books at random, copy down a sentence and a half from each, throw

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Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Arthur Merritt of 10 Renwood St., explains his interest in the field as being

encouraged by a former scoutmaster Joseph Cesarone, and Father James Cross, science and biology instructor at Aquinas. Merritt and his wife, the former Gail Fitzpatrick of Rochester, reside in Chicago with their two children, Laurie and Jill.

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CHURCH

The Church

By Father P. Davis

During the last week of parish councils in the United States. Despite the compromise solutions will probably offer less than the process of struggle as is exciting.

A similar injection of received during the past watching fledgling parish action in Rochester and Both councils, each a lit year old, were out of the but not exactly hale and yet.

Bishops meeting in series councils in the Vatican II.

The Church in her own may shudder a bit; so passengers and crew may med as she changes direction. The Church is swiftly moving a new course.

All these meetings mad up again my dog-eared copy marvelous Joannine document Church (Lumen Gentium).

The constitution on the clear and positive in its "A layman, by reason of competence, or outstanding... is permitted and some obliged to express his or things that concern the g

MEDICINE

Religion's

New York—(RNS)—Re a valid place in the "art of and is properly included in cal college curriculum, acced medical educator.

Dr. Milton O. Kepler, as fessor of pediatrics at the of Nebraska medical co cussed the "importance of medical education" in the of the "Journal of Rel Health."

The journal is a quarterly the Academy of Religion a Health, an organization d physical, emotional and well-being.

Dr. Kepler reported that tion of religion in medic training is increasingly one time for it rather than fe misplaced.

He said that in 1966 h about religious exposure fo in 100 medical schools in and Canada. Sixty-eight s sponded. Of these, 27 had vision for religion; 11 oth need for it.

Dr. Kepler noted that sev exposure was felt, 27 did n and some voiced hostility i in medical training. Still, 60 per cent which did offer.

Eucharist

Vatican City—(RNS) for the Application of l dents of all national an opinion on whether Holy than on the tongues of

The traditional cust munion wafers with the number of places—most and France.

Many Catholics in N in their hands at exper observed in parish Mass tomary in the early day species—bread and win reply to this question b

Witches

New York—(RNS)— is back in vogue, according "ca," the Jesuits' weekly published here.

Writing in the Nov. 16 r Herman S. Hughes, S.J. editor said there s evid witches and warlocks are ly an "in" thing.

He said that "black ma "ultimate" in devil worshy formed today.

Father Hughes recount sional experience in whic two persons attempt to l Communion without cons hosts. The purpose, presu to obtain consecrated ho are required for the deba "black man."

A primary indication o nowed interest, he said, is larity of the book and fl mary's Baby," the story o of witches who assist the bringing his natural son world.