

East Side, West Side... A City's Heart Goes Out to Cardinal Cooke

New York (NC) — Word that Cardinal Terence Cooke suffers from acute leukemia touched the heart of New York with immediate force.

People went to St. Patrick's Cathedral or their parish churches to pray and light candles. Priests of the archdiocese remembered the cardinal in a special way in their Masses. Public officials and unknown citizens alike voiced their shock and concern.

"I join all New Yorkers — Catholics, Protestants and Jews — in praying for the cardinal's recovery, and part of my prayer is a thanksgiving for the years he has served the people of New York, preaching, leading, healing," said Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York after the cardinal's illness was announced Aug. 26.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) said, "This is a time for prayer. There is not a man in New York who would be so much missed."

"I wish him godspeed," said Sen. Alphonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.). "My prayers are with him."

Mayor Edward Koch called Cardinal Cooke "the pre-eminent spiritual leader" of New York. "Just by his moral presence he has had an incredible impact on the quality of life in our city."

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, interreligious affairs director for the American Jewish Committee, said, "We've been close friends for 20 years. He refers to me as

rabbi confessor. He comes from a very poor Irish immigrant background, and he had early contact with the poor immigrant Jews who faced the same bigotry and discrimination."

After the archdiocese made the announcement, New York's afternoon daily, The Post, gave the news its front page headline for the day's final edition. The next morning the illness was on the front page of all three New York dailies.

Local broadcasters also gave the story prominent attention.

Percy Sutton, a black Catholic and former Manhattan borough president, said, "Cardinal Cooke has a lot of friends in the black community. I and many others in the black community join in prayers for the cardinal."

Newspaper features on Cardinal Cooke noted that he had raised large amounts of money from more affluent parishes to help the operating costs of parishes and schools in poor areas.

Cardinal Cooke had been scheduled to attend the annual banquet of the New York Giants professional football team Aug. 26. Instead, participants heard an announcement that he was seriously ill and that in addition to asking for prayers he "wants the team to win."

George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees baseball team, said, "We're all praying, you can count on that — the team, the fans, everyone."



Cardinal Cooke took an active role at the historic meeting of the nation's bishops last May in Chicago which formulated the pastoral letter on war and peace. Here, center, he listens as Bishop Anthony Pilla, right, of Cleveland and another unidentified bishop discuss the pastoral. (NC Photo)

Bishop Francis Mugavero of Brooklyn, N.Y., said, "The cardinal's personal courage in facing his illness and the faith in God that he expresses in every aspect of his life underscores again that he is a special person in the eyes of all of us."

Bishop John McGann of Rockville Centre, N.Y., said, "I am very saddened to hear of the illness of our beloved Cardinal Cooke. My personal friendship with him goes back many years."

Prayers for Cardinal Cooke also were

asked in Boston, where Cardinal Humberto Medeiros said he was "both surprised and saddened to learn of the grave illness of my good friend."

Flowers, telegrams and telephone calls from around the world were reportedly flowing into the cardinal's residence, where he has chosen to live out his illness. "The cardinal sees the interest as a sign of love and is cheered by it," said Father Peter Finn, director of communications for the New York Archdiocese.

Bishop Hickey to Be Red Mass Celebrant

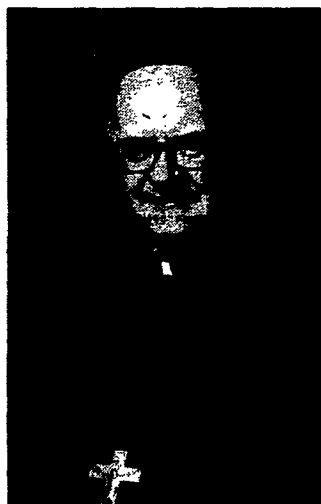
Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will be the celebrant of the 38th annual Red Mass sponsored by the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild at 12:15 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, at Old St. Mary's Church, 15 South St.

Father William J. O'Malley, SJ, of McQuaid Jesuit High School, will be the homilist on the topic "The Roots of Law."

Bishop Hickey was consecrated in 1968, 27 years after his ordination to the priesthood. During his 42

years of service to the diocese he has been vicar general, personnel director, member of many boards and pastor. Presently he is pastor of St. Thomas More parish.

The Red Mass began in the 4th Century and was initiated in Rochester in 1945 by Bishop James E. Kearney. It is an invocation for spiritual blessings for the legal profession, law enforcement, judiciary and related agencies. The public is invited to the Mass and to meet Bishop



BISHOP HICKEY

Hickey and Father O'Malley afterward.

4 Radiology Grads Receive Diplomas

Hornell — Four students of the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Radiologic Technology received graduation diplomas Friday, Aug. 26.

Wendy Williamson of Hornell received the Outstanding Student Award, given to the student with the highest cumulative average.

Mary Cronin of Wellsville received a crystal pendant for "best all around student who exemplifies the profession of radiologic technology."

Also graduating were William Ellis of Hornell and Sharon Traylor.

Patrick Rogers, school director, addressed the 95 relatives, friends, guests and alumni on hand. Father Jeremiah Moynihan, chaplain, gave the invocation. Sister Mary Rene, hospital administrator, also spoke and the diplomas were presented by Dr. Edward Auringer, medical director of the school and radiology department.

Auditions Planned For New Chorus

Auditions for the new Eastman-Rochester Chorus have been scheduled at the Eastman School of Music, 26 Gibbs St., as follows:

- Tenors, 7 to 10:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12;
- Basses, 7 to 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13;
- Altos, 7 to 10:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15;
- Sopranos, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17;

All unable to audition at above times, 2 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18.

The new community chorus, under the direction

of Donald Newen, Eastman's director of choral activities, will rehearse at Cutler Union Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 10 for a performance of Verdi's "Requiem" in the Eastman Theatre Feb. 25.

The auditions will take place in Room 209 and those wishing to take part should make appointments by calling 275-3025 or 275-3026 during regular business hours beginning Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The chorus will have between 200 and 300 members, including 60 to 120 Eastman students.

CTNA Adds 2 Staffers

New York (NC) — The Catholic Telecommunications Network of America expanded its staff to include two new directors, according to Wasyl Lew, president of the Catholic satellite network in New York.

Father Harry Schlitt was appointed director of network development, and Dominican Sister Vivien Jennings director of public affairs.

Father Schlitt, before joining CTNA, was executive director of Bridge Productions in San Francisco, an independent production house for Catholic and other public service programming.

Father Schlitt is best known for his syndicated radio featurettes, "Father Harry God Squad," currently airing around the country on the ABC radio network. Since 1974 he has also been host of a television series, which is now being aired on the American Forces Television Network and CTNA.

A writer and producer of various educational and community affairs programs, Sister Jennings holds a doctorate from Fordham University and a master's degree in telecommunications from Newhouse School, Syracuse University.

RSMs to Receive Catherine Kanick

Catherine M. Kanick will be received into the novitiate of the Sisters of Mercy during a prayer service, 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 in the motherhouse chapel.

The daughter of Frank L. Kanick of Belfast, she has been a postulant in the congregation since last September.

Ms. Kanick received an AAS degree in 1956 from Erie County Technical Institute School of Dental Hygiene in Buffalo.

Since that time she has been a dental hygienist, and this past August finished 21 years in the office of Dr. John A. Oster, Rochester.

The theme she selected for the prayer service is a quote from Richard Bach: "Freedom and flight limited by nothing at all."



MS. KANICK

Holy Trinity

Webster — Father Paul Cuddy will celebrate Mass for the Holy Trinity parish prayer group, Joyful Noise unto the Lord, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13. The public is invited. A reception will follow. According to Lynn D. Barrett, participants preparing "word gifts," are asked to "pray ahead of time and submit these to ushers for discernment."

Square Dance

Persons interested in square dancing have been invited to attend one of several free open house evenings sponsored by the Rochester area's square dance clubs, Sept. 10-30. Further information on locations and times is available by calling 342-5800.

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