

MSGR. M. F. CASSIDY, PASTOR OF ST. PAT- RICK'S CHURCH, SUC- SUMBS TO AILMENT

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ideal. His life was a life of faith; his life was one of hope. During his long life when all the trials and difficulties came in a parish we know it required strong confidence in God. We must place our trust in God. All things ultimately come from God and no matter how dark, how discouraging life appears at the time, when sickness or death or misfortunes come into the life of an individual—life may seem without a meaning, but during such circumstances your beloved pastor sought to alleviate all. He placed his entire hope in God. He sought the love of God.

"Truly, if any person ever lived up to that precept of God, your beloved pastor did. He loved his neighbor as himself. His life was one of faith, hope and charity—charity for all.

"Now, my dear children, before you leave, offer your prayers and Holy Comunion for him frequently for we know that no matter how good a man may be in this life—and he is numbered among the best—there is still that human weakness, and due to imperfections a man cannot enter into heaven until he has satisfied and purged it away in the cleansing fires of Purgatory. Pray for your beloved pastor so that he may soon appear in the presence of his Lord in heaven to claim that eternal reward for which his life was so well spent."

The clergy began the burial services at 10 a. m. with the reciting of the office of the dead. This was followed by a Pontifical Requiem.

Celebrant—Most Reverend Joseph F. Rummel, D. D., Omaha.

Arch Priest—Monsignor James Ahern, Omaha.

Chaplain for Office—Rev. M. F. Byrne, Emmet, and Rev. F. Gebauer, Spencer.

Deacons of Honor—Rev. J. McNamara, Bloomfield, and Rev. Jos. Boschek, West Point.

Deacon of Mass—Rev. W. A. Gillingham, Newcastle.

Sub-Deacon of Mass—Rev. P. Vanderlan, Ewing.

Master of Ceremonies—Rev. P. Burke, Omaha.

Assistant Master—Rev. E. Applebaum, Clearwater.

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Guard of Honor—Judge J. A. Donohoe, Omaha; J. B. Ryan, O'Neill; P. J. McManus, O'Neill; Dr. W. J. Douglas, Atkinson.

Singing of the Mass—Priests' Choir of the Diocese of Omaha.

Monsignor J. W. Stenson, of Omaha, delivered the funeral oration, stressing particularly how Monsignor Cassidy's priestly life had been spent for almost a half a century for the people of O'Neill. Following is the sermon of Monsignor Stenson:

In those days I heard a voice from heaven saying to me "Write, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow them." —Words taken from the Apocalypse of Blessed St. John, chapt. XIV, 13.

"Reverend Fathers, Venerable Bishop and dear friends:

"Perhaps on no other occasion in the life of a pastor or in the life of his flock do the works of a priest come home so strongly as when we are called into the Church of God to perform the funeral obsequies of a great high priest of the Lord. I wonder, my dear people, are we fully appreciative of the manner in which the priest of God enters into our lives, how the pastor of our souls carries on in regard to our spiritual welfare from the cradle to the grave, from birth to death. To follow the divine will of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, does the priest of God labor for the eternal salvation of souls. The little infant is brought into this world stamped with the stain of original sin—the violation of God's law. The pastor of souls, the priest of God carries out the injunction of the Lord, 'Go ye, therefore, teaching all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.' That consecrated man of God pours the regenerating waters of baptism on that infant and the stain of sin is washed away and sanctifying grace is given thru the merits of Christ's death on the cross. The priest is the pastor of souls. The spiritual father of that soul brings it to the bounty of God, who infuses into it supreme virtues of faith, hope and charity.

"As that soul advances in age and wisdom, it must be strengthened and fortified, therefore, the pastor's claim on that soul is to admonish and instruct and guide it in doctrines of religion and thereby to prepare it on a solemn occasion, by one of the successors of the apostles, and by the imposition of hands and by prayers to be made a soldier of Jesus Christ, thereby pledging allegiance and loyalty and devotion to its divine Master. In fulfillment of this pledge, the soul will have to enter into the heart of the battle and struggle for life. Many a time that soul will have to face attack and to withstand and endure spiritual warfare. May he never lower his colors as a soldier of Jesus Christ.

"Wounds are inflicted on that soul and there the priest is ready, empowered again by Divine power, in the command, 'Receive ye the Holy Ghost, whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven thee, and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.' And there in the tribunal of heaven and in the silence of the confessional God's appointed minister by His authority breathes over the penitent and contrite soul, 'I absolve you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.' Empowered by the grace of God he says, 'Go, now and sin no more.'

"And still more, the priest of God, the pastor of souls empowered by the Great High Priest of Heaven to break the bread of everlasting life and hold out to those souls hungering for spiritual nourishment a trust for everlasting joy. Christ, our Lord, on that memorable Thursday night, as he sat at table with the twelve, gave His own Flesh and Precious Blood for the first time. He who said, 'My delight is to be with the children of men.' He who said, 'Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you shall not have life in you.' There sacred words not only impose this obligation upon us but command us to partake of that Sacred Banquet. 'Do this for a commemoration of Me,' and therefore the priest of God and the pastor of souls comes closer into our lives and enters intimately into our life by the adorable Sacrifice of the Altar, and distributes Sacred Species to our immortal souls.

"That the Kingdom of God may be propagated here on earth, the priest of God and pastor of souls stands at the altar and receives the marriage vows, making the man and woman one. Christ, our Lord, elevated the sacred state of marriage to the dignity of a sacrament when he said, 'What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.' It is the pastor of souls the priest of God who witnesses these solemn vows, stands at the foot of the altar and strengthens them with the Sacrifice of the Mass and Holy Communion to set out their new life.

"When death is approaching and when the tired and weary heart is troubled with thoughts of eternity, when the veil is being drawn, it is then that we understand how intimately the presence of God is associated with us. Then the priest of God, the pastor of our souls, breathes into them an assurance of God's love and pardon, and of the supernatural life and start that soul on its journey into eternity. 'Depart O Christian soul, in the name of the God Who made you, in the Name of the Son Who redeemed you, and in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctified you.' Such, my dear brethren, is the infinite manner in which the priest of God, the pastor of our souls enters into our daily life. Such was the purpose of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great High Priest when he instituted the priesthood of the new law. It is thus the priesthood joins the human individuals, and therefore guarantees the purpose of Christ's kingdom here on earth.

"It is a sad and solemn occasion that calls us here this morning. It is to pay a last tribute of sincere sorrow and reverence to one who was an outstanding mark in the ranks of the priesthood. For fifty-five years, Monsignor Cassidy has held aloft the glorious banner and standard of Jesus Christ. He was always a solemn and staunch advocate of Jesus Christ, creating in the hearts and the minds and the souls of his people a spirit of loyalty, a spirit of fidelity to our holy doctrines of religion.

"Without any flattery, let me say in passing, that the people of O'Neill have always given a splendid example of faith and loyalty, due to the fact of the Christ-like example of their pastor. He was, in very truth, a pattern and a model for the flock over which he was placed.

"After his ordination over a half century ago, he was sent by Bishop O'Connor, the bishop of Omaha at that time, to Wyoming then a pioneer country several thousand square miles in area. Here he spent eight long years of trials and difficulties. We of the younger generation have no conception of the trying times and situations that then tried men's souls. He passed unscathed through those years of suffering, privations and trials.

"When he came to O'Neill, conditions were better than in Wyoming, still they were days of struggle and hardship. The monument that he has left behind him—the church, the rectory and school—are but the evidences of the work he built up in a natural way. But these things Monsignor created will pass away in the course of time, but the monument more enduring than bronze is the kingdom of God in the hearts of all those who came under his priestly influence. The building up of Christian character for almost half a century, that is the mark of Christ's divinity.

"No wonder our hearts are filled with sadness this morning, as we come to bid a last goodbye to our departed friend. O'Neill shall know him no more. His beautiful soul, his artlessness in the ways of the world, his loyalty to the high ideals, his integrity of character, all stand out so strongly, and as we glance hurriedly over his past life, as we briefly and imperfectly recall it, his wonderful characteristics impress themselves upon the souls who came in contact with him. You people of O'Neill have left to you a treasured memory—a memory rich with the perfume of a priestly life, of the work done by your revered deceased pastor. His example will in years to come be an influence for good among those to come after him. His memory must be impressed in your heart and soul, conscious of the love and fidelity for all these years

past. You will certainly recall day by day the pleasant memories of bygone times, his admonitions for your spiritual and temporal welfare. And when his mortal remains are laid to rest in God's acre, every time you go there may you breathe a prayer to Him, who hangs upon the cross with arms outstretched, to grant to the soul of our beloved pastor the joys of eternal life.

"We love to dwell upon the life of Monsignor Cassidy, upon his life as a devoted priest, and perchance, may think of him as a very saint of God. What do those solemn words of the Dies Irae tell us—the day of the wrath to come? What does the wonderful and All-Holy Mother church say to us? They all speak of human frailties, they all speak of weakness of will, and of the Judge, who judges as we cannot judge, and they tell us in silent and unchanged language of the infinite wisdom and justice of Him who is the Judge of the living and the dead—that no soul with the stain of imperfection is admitted into the presence of God. And therefore, we cry with Holy Mother Church, 'Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him' and speed his beautiful, noble soul into the sight of God, into the embrace of his divine Lord and Master.

"Every priest and our Bishop in the diocese of Omaha has promised to offer up the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass three times for the eternal repose of his soul.

"You, people of O'Neill, do not forget your obligation to remember your pastor and the shepherd of your souls—recall his good works and you will say in the words of Holy Mother Church, 'May the light of everlasting glory shine upon him and may those joys be his for all eternity.'"

Evidences of love and respect for Monsignor Cassidy were shown by the crowds of people assembled to give a last tribute to him who was their father and friend.

He was interred at the foot of the large cross in Calvary cemetery—the spot that he, with his own hands, made so beautiful.

Right Reverend Monsignor Michael Francis Cassidy was born in county Caven, Ireland, on June 14, 1853. He received his early education at St. Patrick's College, Caven. His course in philosophy was made at St. Bonaventure's, Alleghany, N. Y., and his course in theology at St. Sulpice, Montreal, Canada. He was ordained to the priesthood by Rt. Reverend James O'Connor, Vicar Apostolic of Nebraska, October 8, 1878, fifty-five years ago last October, which event was properly celebrated by the members of his parish here.

His first appointment was as an assistant at Columbus, Neb., where he remained until April, 1879, when he was sent to Rawlins, Wyoming, as the first pastor at that place. It is seldom that a priest has sway over so large a territory as was the Reverend Father's first post, for the whole state of Wyoming was apportioned to three priests. The parish at Rawlins covered a radius of 450 miles to the north, 300 miles to the west and 100 miles to the south. Transportation facilities were very poor and the young priest was compelled to cover his parish on horseback, railway lines being few and far between and stage coaches covering only the well traveled roads. Father Cassidy remained at this post for a little over seven years, and he often referred to them as among the happiest years of his life.

In July, 1886, he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's church of this city and remained at the head of this parish from that time up to the date of his death, over 47 years. O'Neill has always been very dear to the heart of Monsignor Cassidy, the welfare of the city and its people being very close and near to him. When he came here this colony was about 12 years old and boasted a little frame church, which has been replaced by the magnificent edifice we have today which was built under Monsignor Cassidy's direction, as well as the beautiful pastor's residence and St. Mary's academy.

About 35 years ago Father Cassidy was appointed Dean of this district and the priests of this deanery looked to him as an example in the priesthood and an inspiration to pastoral zeal. On July 20, 1927, a cablegram was received by Bishop Beckman, Apostolic administrator of the diocese of Omaha, announced the elevation by Pope Pius XI, of Father Cassidy, to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Monsignor. The investiture took place on Tuesday, October 11, in connection with a three day celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the parish.

The passing of Monsignor Cassidy brings sorrow to many hearts. During his years of service in this city he has devoted his life to the uplifting of his fellow men. He has worked unselfishly and untiringly, and his numerous acts of charity were performed quietly. His devotion to duty and to the wants of his fellow men, brought him the highest approval from the heads of the Catholic church, but the honors received were worthily bestowed. He lived to be of service to God and his fellow men, and that he

succeeded can be attested to by citizens of this county in all ranks of life. He was honored and respected by men in all walks of life, and of all creeds. He was revered as one who stood for honesty, sincerity and charity for his fellow men. The love of the people of this section of the state for their beloved pastor was evidenced by the crowds of people that came to O'Neill last Tuesday to pay their last respects to this man of God. People of all denominations were present in the church and stood uncovered in the cemetery while the last rites were being said. It was the largest funeral ever seen in this section of the state; about 500 automobiles being in line and the church was crowded and several hundred were outside, who were unable to get inside the church doors.

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION TO THE PEOPLE OF O'NEILL

For a number of years, residence at the rectory of St. Patrick's church has brought me into close association with the people of O'Neill, both within and outside the parish, I have always admired their loyal friendship.

The death of my beloved uncle, the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Cassidy, has made me realize more than ever, the spirit of love and thoughtfulness so often evident. I take this opportunity to express sentiments of gratitude and appreciation, which the years in your midst have multiplied in the depths of my heart.

I wish to acknowledge your tokens of love and sympathy in our recent very great loss of one so dear, and I ask God to bless each and every one of you.

Mary E. Cullen.

Farm Holiday Meeting

The Farmers' Holiday Association members of Willowdale township meet at the Sorenson school house the 2nd and last Wednesday evening of each month.

Next Wednesday night, December 13, they are giving a pie social to raise funds for the Association. Every one is welcome.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES (Continued from page 3.)

windmills, painting both the exterior and the interior of school buildings, and many other similar items.

We believe that it is urgent that boards of education make a careful survey of their local situations and that requests be made promptly to the local Civil Works Administration.

Very truly yours,
CHARLES W. TAYLOR,
State Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

According to the above communication I believe our county schools may have an excellent opportunity to make much needed additions and repairs, and every district that can take advantage of this opportunity should check their needs and communicate with the County Superintendent as soon as possible so projects can be presented to our Local Civil Works Committee. All labor will be paid for and part of the material on any approved project. Other counties are taking advantage of these opportunities to improve their school buildings and grounds at small cost. Holt county should have their share.

Projects developed as a part of the Civil Works Administration program need not be approved by the State Department of Education, since they are an essential part of the local Civil Works Administration program.

Nebraska News Items

United States Attorney Sandall says that Federal Judge Munger will be asked to set an early date for the retrial of Victor Seymour, of Lincoln, who is charged with perjury in connection with the 1930 efforts to defeat Senator Norris for re-election. Seymour's first trial resulted in a disagreement, standing 2 to 1. This trial was held in June, 1932.

C. C. Boren, 63, retired farmer of Webster county, died last Saturday of injuries received when he was struck by an automobile driven by David Luten of Superior. The accident occurred in an intersection in the residential district of Red Cloud Wednesday night. Boren was said to have been directly in the path of Luten's car while waiting for an automobile to pass going in the opposite direction.

George W. Allis, 44, died Sunday evening from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile on the streets of Lincoln about 6 o'clock Sunday evening. The car was driven by Robert Bryan, 17, of Fremont.

Ray Turner, 27, of Harvard, wounded himself critically in an attempt on his own life. Turner had been arrested for intoxication at a dance and placed in jail. There he complained of the cold and taken by the officer to a filling station to get warm. An hour later the officer returned in time to see Turner reach for a rifle on the filling station wall, place it against his chest and pull the trigger. The bullet passed thru his body.

The Central West Public Service Company, a twenty million dollar utility corporation, was declared insolvent in Federal court at Omaha

Monday, and Charles F. McLaughlin, former president of the Omaha bar association, was appointed receiver to wind up its affairs, in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota. The company was declared bankrupt by a Texas chancery court a week ago. In addition to the states named the company operates utility properties in Virginia, West Virginia, Illinois and North Carolina. Its headquarters are in Omaha.

ORDINANCE NO. 142 "A."

An Ordinance authorizing the making and entering into of a contract between the City of O'Neill, Nebraska, and the United States of America.

Whereas the City of O'Neill has heretofore made application to the United States of America for a grant under the provisions of Title II, National Industrial Recovery Act, approved June 16, 1933, (which application has been numbered by the United States of America as Docket Number 2061) and such application has been granted in a sum not exceeding \$1,500. And whereas a contract embodying the terms and conditions of said grant has been submitted to said City of O'Neill,

And whereas the City of O'Neill has agreed to the terms and conditions of said contract as submitted.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF O'NEILL, NEBRASKA.

Section 1. That the City of O'Neill, Nebraska, enter into the contract submitted by the United States of America.

Section 2. That said contract shall be executed on behalf of the City of O'Neill, Nebraska, by being signed by its Mayor and attested by its City Clerk and that the corporate seal of said City of O'Neill be affixed to said contract.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 5th day of December, A. D. 1933.

29-1 C. E. STOUT, Mayor.
Attest: Ed. T. Campbell, City Clerk.

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Lost—A ladies black dress belt. Finder please leave at this office. 28

Lost, strayed or stolen, 2 Hereford cows, branded CA on left hip. Suitable reward for return.—Andy Clark. 27-2

Strayed—Tuesday night, team of gray geldings, wt. 1,300 each. Please notify Laverne Thorson, O'Neill. 291p

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