## TRIBUTE OF LIVING ROSARY TO NEW PASTOR OF ST. PATRICK'S,















N Sunday evening last over two hundred ladies assembled in St. Patrick's Hall, to participate in a most delightful ceremony- the presentation of an address and an companying testimonial, by the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, to the Rev. Martin Callaghan, pastor of St. Patrick's. Since his appointment as successor to Father Quinlivan, Father Martin has been the recipient of honors, of tributes, of expressions of congratulation from all sections of the parish. But we doubt of any expression of sentiment was more welcome fully appreciated by the zealous pas-tor, than that of the Holy Rosary Sodality. The address was couched in terms of the choicest, as will be seen by a perusal of it in this column. It was accompanied by a handsome sum. Above all, did these tokens come from an organization that has been very little mentioned the press, and whose countless and unceasing good works have rarely been recorded for the admiration of the world. It might be timely, therefore, that we should tell our readers what the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, or, as it is sometimes called "The Living Rosary," actually is.

As the name alone may suggest, it is a society, within the congregation, that has for special object the 'saying of the Beads," the honoring of the Blessed Virgin through the medium of the Rosary. This grand and general purpose of the Sodality need not under the present circumstances constitute a part of our report; but we cannot avoid indicating a few of the special aims, methods and practices of those who - male and female, married and single-band together to carry into every-day life the teachings and the recommendations of our Holy Church in regard to this splendid and favored devotion to the Mother of God.

Apart from the usual meetings and exercises that are the practice in almost all like societies, associations, and congregations, the members of the Holy Rosary have a special duty visiting the sick and of reciting the Beads for them-as well as performing the various acts of Mercy and Charity incidental to such visits. The same takes place in case of death, when the prayers for the departed, and the Beads are recited beside the remains of the one that has gone. Needless to dwell upon the sublime mission of those who unite together for such a holy and such a thoroughly Catholic purpose.

If, as we stated, the Confraternity been so chary of notoriety and that its good deeds have been done in comparative silence and with the very least possible ostentation, yet it has been forty years in existence and has flourished in a special manner during the past decade or more. During sixteen years the late regretted Father James Callaghan was the Spiritual Director of the Sodality, and under his energetic and sympathetic guidance, the was worthy of the grand course that the members had at heart, and the zeal and devotedness of their Director. While, at that time, there was somewhat less than one hundred members, and the lay element had not yet taken a directly active part in the administration, still the progress made, the good done, blessings scattered on all sides, and the lovely idea of the variegated bannerettes—each symbolic of a mystery in the Holy Rosary -all paved the way for the gigantic strides during the last years of the direction of Father James when the Sodality could count upwards of fourteen hundred members. At present it is under the able direction of Rev. Fa-Quellette. The work is now carried on by some sixty promoters, and there are three lay executive officers—a President, and two Vice-Presidents. This is not the first time that the Sodality has come to the front and has actively participated in the honoring of the pastors of St. Patrick's. The members of the Holy Rosary Confraternity played a conspicuous part in the great jubilee celebration in honor of Fathers

Dowd and Toupin. Since then these two noble and saintly priests have gone to their reward; they have been followed by the very worthy successor of Father Dowd, the late Father Quinlivan; and now, that the mantle of pastoral responsibility has fallen on the shoulders of one who was their fellow-laborer, in the field of God's Church, with each and all of them, it is meet that the Sodality should again appear on the public scene, to do fitting honor and pay worthy tribute to Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, P.P., of St. Patrick's.

When Father Callaghan entered the hall accompanied by Father Ouelette, he was greeted with a chorus rendered by the pupils of St. Patrick's School, under the direction of one of the Nuns, in a most artistic manner Miss B. McInenly also presided at the organ. When the last sweet of the vouthful voices had passed away, Miss Susie Kerr, in a



well modulated voice, read the following address:

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REVEREND FATHER MARTIN CALLAGHAN, S.S., PARISH PRIEST OF ST. PATRICKS. \*\*\*\*\*

Rev. and Dear Father Martin,-To me has been assigned the pleasant task of voicing the sentiments of the sodality of the Living Rosary. honor conferred upon me I appreci-

ate more than words can convey. Though last perhaps among your flock in tendering you our heartfelt congratulations, on your richly merited appointment to the pastorate of St. Patrick's, we are not least, we hope, and the sentiments to which we are giving expression are, you may rest assured, sincere deep

lasting. When, some weeks ago, the Angel of Death summoned the late Father Quinlivan, our pastor, to his eternal reward, under such sad and un-expected circumstances, we mourned his loss as dutiful children, and in grateful recognition we stormed Heaven with our prayers for the repose of his soul. His demise gave rise to anxious surmisings as to his probable successor. Not to us, dear Father. Not for a moment did we hesitate to name the future pastor of St. Patrick's, for we were confident. that our own Father Martin was the one, and the only one entitled to the honored position. How could it be otherwise? Have you not spent the best years of your life in this portion of the Master's vineyard? Have you not always been a child with the children-a man with the adulta father to the prodigal, a friend to the sick and needy, a consoler doubt, a guide along the intricate paths of virtue and piety, a living image of the Divine Saviour of souls whose fondest desire to have but "one fold and one shepherd" you have endeavored to realize by bringing countless strayed sheep into the true fold? In a word, a true priest to all and all. Are you not one of our own, dear Father, born and bred in the parish over whose destinies Divine Providence has called you to preside?

Do you not belong to that grand old Irish stock which has been so prolific in priestly vocations? Are you not a brother of priests whom all have learned to love, honor and revere? Is it surprising therefore, that our hearts did leap with joy when the glad news of your nomination flashed like wild fire over the city, nay, over the whole continent. The congratulations which you have received from prelates, priests, people of every walk of life, at home and abroad, demonstrate the fact that you, dear Father, are the right man in the right place.

Pardon us, dear Father, if amidst our rejoicings, we recall the memof one whom you loved and whom we loved too. How proud he would be to behold you the honored pastor of St. Patrick's! To your deeply lamented brother, the beloved Father James, whose name and virtuous deeds are enshrined in the warmest corner of our hearts, our sodality owes a debt of gratitude which we can never repay for the giant strides it has made, thanks to his initiative

We trust that from his throne above close to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and of Mary, the Queen of the Holy Rosary, for whom he ever entertained such childlike love and depotion he will watch over and pray for you and us, and for our devoted director Rev. Father Ouellette, that he may continue to guide us with the solicitude which has characterized him since he undertook the direction of our sodality.

Accept, therefore, our sincere congratulations with our best wishes for a long and prosperous career, and rest assured, dear Father, that we shall do our utmost to aid you in the discharge of your arduous du-

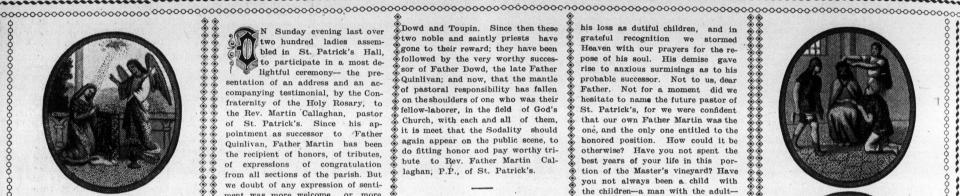
You may rely on our prayers and on our co-operation as well in all the works you shall undertake for the greater glory of God welfare of our spiritual interests.

As an earnest of our sentiments, please accept the accompanying gift. It is not much, but, small as it is, it bespeaks the motives that actuated us to offer you our congratulations to-day.

We could not resist the promptings of our humble hearts to give you, dear Father, this slight token of cur friendship, love and gratitude, and thereby manifest our happiness and delight at having you as our pastor

That Almighty God may bless you and crown your every effort with success is and ever will be the fervent prayer and earnest wish of your devoted children, the members of the Living Rosary.

At the conclusion of the reading of the address, Misses Dora Larkin, B. Hennessy and M. Hennessy, handed in turn the purse of gold, names of contributors to the testimonial and a beautiful boquet of roses.



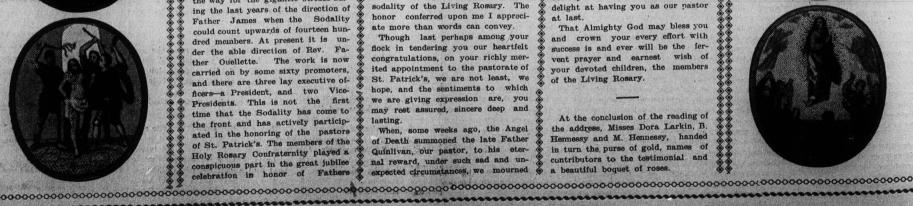












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