

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

ON 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 accompanying 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 or more fully appreciated by the zealous pastor, 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 in 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 of 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 has 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 work done 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, the 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. Father Ouellette. 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 Ouellette, 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. McInerly also presided at the organ. When the last sweet tones of the youthful voices had passed away, Miss Susie Kerr, in a



well modulated voice, read the following address:—

REVEREND  
FATHER  
MARTIN  
CALLAGHAN, S.S.,  
PARISH  
PRIEST  
OF  
ST. PATRICK'S.

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

When, some weeks ago, the Angel of Death summoned the late Father Quinlivan, our pastor, to his eternal reward, under such sad and unexpected 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 adult—a father to the prodigal, a friend to the sick and needy, a consoler in 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, and 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 memory of 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 devotion 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 duties.

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 and the 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 our friendship, love and gratitude, and thereby manifest our happiness and delight at having you as our pastor at last.

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 bouquet of roses.



FATHER  
CALLAGHAN  
REPLY.

I deeply appreciate your tendering me this public testimonial, and I accept with gratitude. You belong to a race of generosity. Though abundant in pecuniary resources it justly claims an exception.

The Irish Catholics are not only Catholics in the name, but they are never so loyal when offering a portion of their earnings to a matter what may be their nationality.

In your address you mention being the Pastor of St. Patrick's. I may not be the Pastor, but I am what like the Shepherd herds in wisdom, patience and charity. Your society dear to my heart. Nothing greater delight reaching all its aims in membership and influence all the good it has done amount of good it can.

You are animated with most deserving of applause. The Rosary is to which you have personally. Thus do you sincerely love the Mother of God. You cannot be eternal can you be anything else from sin and loyal to citing the beads you intercession of the Divine all the graces you need cession is a kind of. Never was she refused she be refused any favor or may solicit.

You have a sincere Patrick's parish. You tile to anything which reputation. You rejoice may be to its advantage. Grieve at the smallest may be to its prejudice.

The other day, sixteen years call me. "Father Martin," she, "I am sorry that we are leaving. We are moving. Annex. No matter has always been ways be with St. Patrick's Church." It is a misfortune that our parish of ours heart such as the and could not be speaking as she.

They will pass by day after Sunday, it. They do not want names of the priests title for their souls not give the fraction any parochial interest. God is watching over St. Patrick's and the priests who labor and departed.