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# A Noble and Saintly Career Spent in Saving Souls

Sixty Years a Member of the Priesthood, and the Last Survivor of the Pioneers in Religious Work in the Circles of English-Speaking Catholics - Eloquen Tributes to His Memory-A Large Gathering of all Races and Creeds Assist at the Obsequies.

HE DEATH of he saintly and rival of Father Larue, his confessor, aged priest, Rev. Father Toupin, Labout See, he said to him, "I am of St. Patrick's, has removed in English-speaking Catholic circles the eral of the priests of St. Patrick's, he last surviving representative of that passed away without a struggle. last surviving representative of that From Friday afternoon until Sunday noble and historic band of workers. From Friday afternoon until Sunday noble and historic band of workers, evening at 6.30 the body was laying in among whom stood such ideal priests State in the large robing room of the signal character. He was rather a foldewoutly approached the bier and placed their hands upon the vestments worn by lower than a leader, but those who have the deceased. closely watched his actions during Seldom, if ever, was there such solemn in the parish of St. Patrick, have no in State. hesitation in saying that he wielded a powerful and far reaching influence, in a silent way, which not only materially ordinary mortal to fully appreciate weather and the terrible condition of Father Toupin was first of all a model the streets, there must have been an assemble manners and kindly semblage of at least several thousands of priest, of simple manners and kindly ways, ever ready to discharge not only ing in the vicinity of the entrance of the his due share of parochial work, but to old St. Patrick's House. The coffin was from whence it emanated. It was enough under the direction of Mr. Frank Feron of him to know that it was a call to sons, the well known Catholic underduty, and he immediately responded takers of this city, and the large gatherwith that cheerful smile which reached ing followed in procession. The route takers to the Catholic way have not so many hearts, and won for him a place in the affections of the people of Alexander and Lagauchetiere streets. this city which he retained to his dying discerned the figures of many of the in hour. For the past two years, in fact, ever since the death of the venerable Father Dowd in 1891, the health of the Father Dowd in 1891, the health of the priest who had throughout so many grand old priest has been a subject of years visited them and offered that sweet much concern to a large number of the solace and encouraging word which cheer congregation of St. Patrick's.

Early in the present year the first serious signs of rapidly declining health were made manificat, so much so, that where he could receive the best of nursing and medical attendance. During this brief attack Father Toupin mani-fested a truly wonderful measure of recuperative power, as he was able in a short space of time to return to his old home, which he loved so well, at St. Patrick's. After his return he strove earnestly to resume his duties, but was only able to attend to rick calls and say Mass. He occasionally walked to his filled to its utmost capacity. The main confessional and heard confessions even if or of pews, which are capable alone of six weeks he had not entered his confessional.

On the 1st of October he had a stroke of apoplexy at 5 o'clock in the morning, and was thought to be dying. He was unconscious and the last rites of the Church were administered to him, those around his bed not expecting him to On Thursday alternoon the palpitation had increased, and though it had been decided that he should be taken with out delay to the Seminary, Notre Dame street, where the Sulpicians go to die parish. It may be here mentioned that yet, on account of his weak condition, it Father Toupin officiated as deacon at a was judged imprudent to move him. He similar service in the same place on the passed an excellent night on Thursday, becasion of the death of the late lament-sleeping well, and at 5 o'clock Friday ed Father Dowd. morning he declared that he felt very

of St. Patrick's, has removed. Father Larue remained with him to from the scene of religious work the end, and at 9.45, in presence of sev-

as Fathers Richard, Dowd, O'Brien, Sacristy. Thousands of people, young Bakewell and Hogan, holy men who and old, from all quarters of the city, labored so realously and so success-fully in the opening years, and whose earnest and lifelong work is now bear-their midst. At the side of the coffin an ing the good fruit which the present attendant was standing taking the generation is enjoying. Father Toupin's prayer beads, prayer books, crucifixes, generation is enjoying. Father loupin a and other objects of devotion at the recareer in the midst of these pious and quest of the visitors and reverently zealous priests was perhaps not marked pressing them on the hands of the dead. by any special administrative act of a Many others there were who softly and

any portion of his long and and impressive scenes of devotion, love splendid career in the discharge and respect evinced by Catholics as was of his priestly duties, especially the remains of Father Toupin were lying

The Nuns of the Congregation i charge of St. Patrick's Academy and the Grey Nuns associated with the charitassisted his confreres with whom he laborable institutions were continually in ated in the early days in the ranks of tendance in the room. On Sunday even-English-speaking Catholics, but which ing punctually at the hour appointed has also left an impress of a lasting (6.30) the remains were removed from character that is impossible for an dral. Despite the inclement state of the respond to every summons no matter placed in the hea se by the attendants taken to the Cathedral was by way of At that hour in the darkness could be mates of St. Bridget's Home, standing in the drizzling rain as an evidence of their love and respect for the lovable them on. When the cortege reached the portals of the Cathedral the remains were met at the main entrance by the Rev. Abbe Colin. Superior of the Seminary, and about thirty other priests, and Hochelaga; Rev. F. L. J. Adam, of the escorted down the centre aisle where the Stored Heart; Rev. M. Auclair, of St. it was deemed advisable to have him simple stand was placed to receive the removed to the Notre Dame Hospital, coffin. The priests then entered the sanctuary and the Office for the Dead was recited. Many of the people remained for sometime afterwards devoutly praying, and as it were loathe to leave the scene of the presence of the dead.

On Monday morning, long before the hour appointed for the final ceremony, the immense space in the Cathedral was extending from the altars to the enthousands, were ranged the scholars from the various educational establishments of their pupils, together with the pupils under the direction of the Nuns of the Congregation of Notre Dame and the Congregation of Notre Dame and the Christian Brothers as well as a number of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum. tranc·s, also equal to seating many thousands, were ranged the scholars from Congregation of Notre Dame and the Christian Brothers, as well as a number Among the laymen present were of parishioners who could not obtain an Judges Curran and Loranger, Sir William entrance on the principal floor. Every Hingston, Mr. Jas. McShane, ex M.P., live half an hour. However, as no entrance on the principal floor. Every blood vessel had been ruptured, he fully section of the regular and secular of the recovered his senses in the course of the priesthood and other religious communications of the priesthood and other religious communities were represented as well as citisection of the regular and secular of the Dr. Guerin, M.L.A., Senator James first Bishop of Montreal. In 1837 he priesthood and other religious community O'Brien, Ald. Kinsella, ex-Ald. Cun was successively made sub deacon and recovered his senses in the course of the priesthood and other religious commuday, and not only did the stroke leave nities were represented, as well as citino apparent trace of injury, but his mind zens of all ranks in the community. The sand memory were even clearer than be-clarge and spacious sanctuary was filled fore. On the Sunday following the to overflowing by the priests of the different parishes, as well as by the Seminary on Sher four days, he said Mass, but for the past week he was unable to do so through brooke street. The celebrant at the solemn McConniff, C. P. Hebert, J. P. Flynn, M. Toupin, who was until the time of his weakness and palpitation of the heart. Conniction of Requiem Mass was the Rev. Father Quinlivan, pastor of St. Patrick's, who was assisted by Rev. Father McCallen as deacon, and Rev. Father Martin Callaghan as sub-deacon, also of the same

The choral portions of the Mass were of a high order of merit. The regular much better. About 7.45, whilst distored by many junior per subject to eat a little breakfast, choir was reinforced by many junior he was attacked with severe oppression members of the Montreal College, and of the heart and it has been subject to the montreal college, and members of the Montreal College, and

The state of the s

The whole ceremonial was most immpress upon the minds of those present the majestic grandeur, withal the touch ng simplicity, of the services of the

There was no display of mourning in the sacred edifice as in the case of lay-

At the conclusion of the Mass, Mgr. Emard, Bishop of Valleyfield, accompanied by priests and seminarians, most effective and inspiring manner, surrounded the coffin during the singing. In the main aisle of the sacred edifice, of the Libera and officiated at the Abandin the vicinity of the principal ensoute. These present were: Mgr. Emard, trance, were ranged hundreds of parish-Bishop of Valleyfield, Rev. N. A. Troie, ioners awaiting the return of the recure of Notre Dame, Rev. Louis Coin, mains, and there were very few dry eyes honorary courses and surround the factors, the sacred to honorary canon, and superior of the camong the number. Seminary of St. Sulpice; Rev. Canon F. After the ceremon Bourgeault, Vicar-General and administrall that was mortal of the noble price trator of the archdiocese in the absence was carried out towards the heave L. A. Sentenne, excure of Notre at the Grand Seminary where all the Dame; Rev. J. B. Larue, con-members of the Sulpician Order are in essor of the deceased; Rev. Franterred. Daniel, Rev. H. Lenoir, Rev. P. Rousseau, Rev. J. I. Tallet, Rev. V. Sorin,

plendid training and art in the rest officiating. The church was crowded to Ann's, and was later on attached to St. sponded to the wishes of the people by lition of their parts which was most impact the doors, every available portion of it, in Patrick's Church, a position which he replacing the usual evening instruction cluding the galleries, was thronged with the parishioners. As in the Notre Dame osing and well calculated to indelibly Cathedral, the ceremonies were beautiful, yet simple. With the exception of the confessional box of the dead priest, which was completely hidden from view by the heavy drapings, there was no display of mourning whatever. Prof. J A. Fowler, the organist of the church, as sisted by the leader of the choir, Mr. G A. Carpenter, and a chorus of 100 voices. rendered the chant of the Libera in a

After the ceremony at St. Patrick' Rome of Archbishop Fabre, Rev. which was escorted to the small chape members of the Sulpician Order are in

One notable feature of the proceedings St. Patrick's was the informal use of

temporarily to abandon his work among the ministerial duties for his infirm brother, then parish priest at Rivière des Prairi s. Immediately after his brother's death. Father Toupin returned to this city with renewed zoal and ardor It would be difficult to find a more worthy sketch. Humble and unassuming. Father

beld till his death.

Patrick's Church, a position which hel

## FATHER QUINLIVAN'S TOUCHING REMARKS

The Rev. Father Quinlivan, pastor of t. Patrick's, at Grand Mass on Sunday,

It seems almost superfluous for me to peak to you about dear, saintly Father ese works, many of you for a much which he could relate many an interest ing amediate, but there was one thing is a never learned, and which he seemed in capable of acquiring, and that was of earry out in their homes and in their saying no to the unfortunate er of turning a deaf ear to the tale of miscry. God has called him to his well-carned gent ward. The needed rest he so often refused himself has come at last, but priests and people, we will all miss uning sadly. The familiar figure and kindly face, that we had come to look upon as part and parcel of St. Patrick's, will be seen no more, and hearts will long feel at want that words cannot express. Father want that words cannot express. Father Toopin was the last link, among the clergy, that bound us to the early days of the Irish colony in Montreal, the days of Fathers Richards and Morgan, and Connolly, and McCalla, and O Brien, classes were greatly edified by what Rev. was not far enough advanced to permit

Rev. Father Joseph Toupin belonged o one of the oldest and most respected French-Canadian families in the Pro vince, and was born in Montreal on the 23rd of November, 1814. He was baptized by the Rev. Abbé Bédard in the old Notre Dame Church, and pursued his classical studies at the old Montreal College then on College street. Among nis professors were Abbé Séry, Rev. Father Larkin, and Abbé Roque. The Superiors of the Seminary, who directed him for over forty years, were the Rev. Abbés Quiblier, Billaudelle, Granet, Bayle, and the present Superior, Abbé After a brilliant college course, Father Toupin entered religious orders, receiv ing Tonsure and minor orders in 1834 from the hands of Mgr. Lartigue, the was successively made sub deacon and Luchapelle, and is the mother of the Father Toupin commenced his minis terial career as professor in the Montreal

upon him." Amen.

## FATHER MCCALLEN'S LLOQUENT EULUGY.

St. Patrick's there was a very large at the "went about doing good." His piety tendance of the parishioners. Father was most fascinating. He had a special McCallen said that he believed he re-

replacing the usual evening instruction y a discourse on the power and blessing Brotherly love caused Father Toupin of good example, especially as illus-emporarily to abandon his work among trated by the life and death of his venthe Irish people when he went to perform erable confrere, Rev. Joseph Toupin, Taking for his text, "Be ye imitators of me as I am of Christ" (St. Paul, 1 Corinth, iv., 16), he said that the venerable priest, though dead, still spoke by be example of every Christian virtue of his holy life. He had sat down at the elergymen than the subject of this brief Divine Master's feet, and early underclergymen than the subject of this brief. Divine Master's feet, and early undersaketch Humble and unassuming. Father's stood that the disciple, in order to carry Tonpin has passed has whole life in fon the mission entrusted to him, had to earnest ministerial work, a slave to duty, copy His Teacher. The Blessed Lord and absolutely devoted to those entrusted to his care. Although actively engaged words might deeply move the in parochial work, there is hardly at soul; but good deeds, holy except the interest of the parochial work and the object of his soul; but good deeds, holy except has not been the object of his soult for the practice of virtue. Like St. licitude, and which he has not included in the two energity attracted which has not been spiritually silent in death imitated the Divine adviser to several religious community. Master. He first began to do, and then ties, who all profess the greatest respect to teach, and this was the keynote of all and devotion to him. In his own order this success in his long and fruitful minfather Tempin is considered as a model sister as a priest. He had been a model of regularity, and the members of his to be he priests an encope, and could come gation never found his zeal at truly say to them: "He ye imitators of fault, being always ready for sick calls the heart properties of this honorable priest, who seem witnesses of his zeal, fidelity, kindisalways seem with a kind smile on his greak. The people of St. Patrick's had character of this honorable priest, who seem witnesses of his zeal, fidelity, kindisalways seem with a kind smile on his successings of his presence and fruitful the lish Catholics of Montreal have seen witnesses of his presence and fruitful the lish Catholics of Montreal have ministrations. His holiness of life had a kind of adoration for this devoted prompted the people to have recourse to priest, who has devoted his life to their ministrations of heavenly benedicstood that the disciple, in order to carry onsecrated hands of so holy a priest could not but bring a heavenly benediction on all who appealed to him in their sorrow or sickness or trouble. " It is no exaggeration to say," continued Father McCallen, "that probably no other priest whom we know, during so long a life, has been more free from criticism. made the following touching reference so unassuming, so devoted, so gentle to the death of the venerable Father and so faithful did he prove number to and so faithful did he prove nimself to his people. But we who have had the privilege of that inner home life with Father Toupin are Toupin. His long priestly career of all thetter able, even than the people, to give most sixty years, most of which was restimony to the brightness, the purity, estimony to the brightness, the purity, pent in your midst and in your service. The holiners of his daily life. His life s his best and truest pane tyric. As the was one of the greatest regularity, ruits show the tree so do his works of Rising daily at 4 a.m., he worked coneal and charity show the true priest of Finnously till 10 p.m., when, with the lock. You have all been witnesses of same regularity, he always retired to same regularity, he always retired to these works, many of you for a much rest. A call to the bedside of the dying longer time than any of his brother at 1, 2, or 3 a.m., was for him no reason priests, for Father Tourin was a priest to rise later than his accustomed heur, during long years before the eldest 4 a.m. His absolute unselfishness was amongst us was born. To say that he samply perfection, and manifested was kind and charitable and self-sacrificing that he ever thought of others beginned itself on all occasions. Gentle, kind, devoted, retaining to his last day in life, fore himself, would be saying only even amid his sufferings, that childlike what his whole life proclaimed experience had taught him triestly life will always be for his conmuch about the many phases of humans, or rest one of their sweetest memories nature and the ways of the world of and a powerful incentive to imitation." A call to the bedside of the dying

fter making the usual announcements

that we had almost come to look upon!

Connolly, and McCalla, and O Brien, classes were greatly edihed by what Key, those days of struggle and sacrifice when M. Callaghan told them on last Sunday friends were few and trials many. Then, about Father Toupin, with whom he had as during the rest of his life, Father dived under the same roof and was as-Toupin was the tried and devoted friend, sociated in the ministry for the space of of the poor and plague-stricken Irish, twenty years. He sketched his career and Like many of his brother-priests, he enlarged upon the most striking features ministered to them during the terrible of his character. Both young and old days a the ship-feyer, in '47 and '48; knew him. If anybody could have also and on this occasion as he often told us ways lived he would not have died. days a the ship-fever, in '47 and '48; knew him. If anybody could have alsard on this occasion, as he often told us, ways lived he would not have died, he went very close to death, having rear Though he was 82 years old still be was ceived the last rites, and been considered, quick of apprehension, with a sweet as a hopeless case. It was the only time ringing voice and a marvelous elasticity in his life, until shortly before his death to fater. He retained till the end all the that he was seriously ill. Since Father sprightliness of youth. His length of Dowd's death, especially, it was a greater days should be attributed rather to the consolation to have Father Toupin in regularity of his physical habits than our midst: they had worked so long to: to the constitution with which he was our midst; they had worked so long to to the constitution with which he was gether, had been such lite-long friends, blessed. He never varied in the details of his daily life. God wished him to be that we had almost come to look upon of his daily life. God wished him to be them as twin-brothers, and the presence a priest and he duly prepared himself of the one compensated in a measure for the day of his ordination. Every the absence of the other. Now, how, star has been assigned a place in the ever, we realize the full extent of our firmament. There is no boy or girl loss; we feel that Father Dowd and without a vocation. All children should Father Toupin can henceforth he only a try to fit themselves for whatever they loss; we feel that Father Dowd and without a vocation. All children should father Toupin can henceforth he only a try to fit themselves for whatever they memory, but a memory which will ever a re intended by the Divine Providence, be full of sweetness and courage Very few consecrate themselves to God and edification to all who knew without being properly called. Legion them. I need hardly ask you is the number of those who rasbly enter to pray for Father Toupin; you are not the state of matrimony. Who can all, I am sure, more than willing to do reck on all those who should not be so, for you feel that you owe him a fathers or mothers? Father Toupin was heavy debt of gratitude. Some how ver, the last person raised to the priesthood might neglect this duty, thinking Father. Toupin was too holy to need prayers. That may be, and we hope it is; but we same day of the same year. He proved know too, that even the smallest debt can delay a soul's entrance into heaven, where, as we know, nothing defiled may enter. We will then pray for the dear departed, even he needs it not our prayers we we will did to the souls committed will not be lost. We will pray for him especially to-morrow during the Solemn to his charge. He grieved at the apresence of the Church rise to heaven in his which he is straying and eagerly ers of the Church rise to heaven in his watched for the opportunity to assist behalf. "Eternal rest grant unto him, but in retracing his steps. He was O Lord! and let perpetual light shine noted for his charity. He lent pecuniary upon him." Amen. aid to all who were in distress. His left hand was ignorant of what the right did, It seemed as if he had made a vow never to refuse any service he might be asked or any favor it was in his At the evening service on Sunday at power to bestow. Like Jesus of Nazareth,

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REV. FATHER JOSEPH TOUPIN. BORN, 23kb NOVEMBER, 1814. - DELO, OCTOBER 1678, 1896

pressed regret when she realized that

the hearse would not pass over the new

roadway It would have indeed fit-tingly inaugurated the improvement

but the work of placing the top dressing

On the occasion of the Jubilee of the

Rev. Fathers Dowd and Toupin, our

present Judge Curran edited a valuable

little Souvenir number containing,

amongst other things, the following

brief sketch of the life and labors of

College, where he taught classics for fifteen years with such success that up to the present day his name is men-

tioned in the institution as that of a

model professor. Subsequently he was

appointed missionary to the Indians at

years he was called to the city, and has

Oka, and after serving there for several

Father Toupin :-

ev. A. Marie, who came in from News the new winding entrance or pathway ork to pay a tribute of respect to the by the mourners and processionists. A lead, Rev. M. Magnan, of Baltimore; old lady member of the congregation Rev. Abbé Hogan, of Boston, members standing near St. Bridget's Home ex of the Order of St. Sulpice; Rev. H. Laurier, Rev. Chas. Lecocq, Superior of the Grand Seminary; Rev. Jules Dela-vigne, Superior of the Seminary of Philosophy; Rev. Canon Racicot, vice-rector of Laval; Rev. Abbé Bourrassa, secretary of Laval; Rev. Canon Vaillant, Rev. Canon Bruchesi, Rev. Abbé Charrier of St. James; Rev. J. A. Leclerc, P.P. of St. Joseph; Rev. Father Ed. Strubbe. o' St. Ann's; Rev. H. Brissette, P.P., of Jun Baptiste; Rev. P. F. O'Donnell, of St. Mary's; Rev. Wm. O'Meara, of St. Gabriel; Rev. J. E. Donnelly, of St. Anthony's; Rev. Father Casey; Rev. Abbé Bouin, of St. Charles; Rev. Charles Larocque, St. Louis de France; Rev. J. N. Marechal, Notre Dame de Grace; Rev. R. Decarie, of St. Henri; Rev. M. Ecrement, Ste. Cunegonde; Rev. James Lonergan, St. Bridget; Rev. G. M. Le-pailleur, Maisonneuve; Rev. Father Lefebvre, of the Order of the Oblats; Rev. Father Turgeon and other Jesuits, and a

number of Franciscans. at times when he was scarcely equal to seating several thousands, were all occut. The religious orders represented, bethe great strain. For the past month or fined, while in the double row of galleries sides those mentioned, were the Christian weeks he had not extered his constant from the alters to the entition Brothers and the Grey Nuns, Providence, St. Ann's, Jesus and Mary and

John Power, O. Tansey, J. P. Clarke, T. Lichapelle, and is the me Butler, P. H. Bartley, W. J. McKenna, present Doctor Lachapelle. G. A. Carpenter, Prof. J. A. Fowler, P. F. McCaffrey, J. J. Milloy, Dr. E. J. Kenney, T. J. Quinlan, P. Doyle, R. J. Cooke, M. J. Polan, P. McCrory, F. J. College, where he taught Hart, C. F. Smith, F. X. Benoit. Among the relations of the deceased priout were the relations of the deceased priest were Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, Dr. F. Benoit H. A. Bonnet, H. A. Lemieux and D. J.

The funeral procession was then re- ever since b.en intimately connected of the heart, and it became evident that sang with very great effectiveness, while formed and wended its way to St. Pat with the several frien Catholic congrethe end was near. He himself knew the Seminarians in the sanctuary who rick's, where the Libera was again gations. He was for many years cure that death was at hand and on the ar rendered the responses gave evidence of chanted, Father Quinlivan, the pastor, of old St. Bridget's Church, and also St.