

The Obsequies of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Bruno, O. S. B.

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over two hundred and twenty-five automobiles close about the church, not to speak of those farther off or hidden in the brush, and not to mention the numerous teams which conveyed mourners to the church. Hardly one third of the crowd was able to pack into the spacious church. People even climbed up to windows to which access was possible, to witness the ceremonies and to hear the sermons, while a great crowd were obliged to wait patiently outside till the ceremonies were over and the procession was formed. We are aware that we did not succeed in gathering the names of all the clergy present and would gladly give space to the name of each individual priest who took part, had we his name. Besides the Benedictines of the Colony, we have the names of the following clergy:

The Most Rev. Archbishop Mathieu, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Budka, the Rt. Rev. Abbot Peter Engel, O.S.B., the Very Rev. M. Pilon, Vicar General and Administrator of the Archdiocese of Edmonton, the Very Rev. A. Jan, O.M.I., the new Vicar General and Administrator of the Diocese of Prince Albert, the Very Rev. H. Grandin, O.M.I., the Rev. Fathers Hilary Doerfler, O.S.B., D. Gillies, Thos. J. MacMahon, S.J., Th. Schmid, A. Charest, D. Gamache, F. Palm, O.M.I., P. Hilland, O.M.I., F. Kowalski, O.M.I., C. Mollier, A. Louison, P. Funke, O.M.I., Wm. Brueck, O.M.I., J. Sinnett, S. M. Drapeau, Ch. Nandzick, O.M.I., J. LeParoux, O.M.I., E. Morneau, V. Gabillon, O.M.I., H. Delmas, O.M.I., J. Schelbert, P. Nicolet, P. Habets, O.M.I., T. Krist, O.M.I., J.B. Bourdel, J.M. Paschaleux, O.M.I., P. Schweers, O.M.I., M. Collins.

Besides the Rt. Rev. Abbot Peter Engel and the Rev. Father Hilary Doerfler, O.S.B., who came from Minnesota, several others have come from great distances. We appreciate the fact that the Rt. Rev. Bishop Budka came all the way from Winnipeg, and that the Very Rev. H. Grandin travelled the great distance from Edmonton. Many of the Rev. Clergy had to make considerable sacrifices on account of the bad roads, and we do not doubt but that many more would have been present, had it not been for the threatened strike of the railwaymen. The Rev. Fathers Kowalski, Hilland, Habets, and Funke, O.M.I., travelled from near Regina through bad roads from 2.00 p.m. till 5.00 a.m., when they arrived at the monastery. The greater number of the clergy came on the morning of the funeral. We believe the friendship which existed between the Rt. Rev. Bishop Pascal, O.M.I., and the late Abbot Bruno, to be exemplary of the friendship and good will existing among the Oblates and Benedictines, working side by side for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls. May it ever be thus! We thank the kindhearted Oblates for their strong representation at the funeral of our beloved Abbot, for their sympathy and encouragement. Among the prominent lay visitors attending at the funeral were Dr. Uhrich of Hague, Mr. McDonald, representing the Knights of Columbus of Saskatoon and of the Province of Saskatchewan, and many more.

The calamity which has cast us into such deep sorrow has taught us in what regard our late Abbot was held by all. We never realized in what esteem he was held by his own people, by the State and by the Church of God. The highest dignitaries of the church and State in the persons of His Excellency Di Maria, the Apostolic Delegate, the Hon. W. Martin, Premier of Saskatchewan, and even Ex-Premier the Hon. Walter Scott have extended their sympathy. To these high dignitaries, as representatives of the Church and State, we feel it an honor to be permitted to extend our heartfelt and sincere thanks with a promise to ask God's blessings upon these high dignitaries and their subjects.

Letters of Condolence and Telegrams.

ST. MARY'S ABBEY,
NEWARK, N. J., June 16th, 1919.
Very Rev. and Dear Father Prior:
The greatest shock I had for a long time, was when I received word of the death of your Abbot. I was away from home at the time the dispatch reached here. The Fathers could not communicate with me, as I was travelling by boat. When I learned of the sad fact, it was impossible for me to get to Münster in time for the funeral.

Extending mine and the community's sympathy I am
Yours fraternally
ABBOT ERNST, O.S.B.

ST. LEO, Florida, June 14th, 1919
My dear Fathers,

Yesterday afternoon the telegraph operator came to my room and said: "The Congregation has lost an abbot." With that he handed me the telegram announcing the death of good Abbot Bruno. I need not tell you how this news staggered me. I had always considered him the giant in our Order. But one cannot always tell.

You have lost a very good father and you will miss him more every day. May his soul rest in peace and may God soon give you another Father who will be as kind and gentle and as forbearing as was the one whose departure has left such a void in your midst.

With all kinds of good thoughts and with heartiest sympathy for your bereaved community, I am
Cordially yours,
ABBOT CHARLES.

BELMONT ABBEY,
BELMONT, N. C., June 15th, 1919
Very Rev. dear Father Prior,

I was in Savannah when the sad message of good Abbot Bruno's death came. May God rest his soul! We all sympathize deeply with the members of St. Peter's Abbey. May God console and strengthen you! Of course, I could not attend the funeral. The distance is so great, and I am getting too old!

We will remember him daily in our public prayers, and gladly offer up the Holy Masses for him.

Praying God to grant him peace and everlasting joy and happiness, I am fraternally,
LEO HAID, O.S.B., Abbot-Bishop.

CONCEPTION ABBEY,
CONCEPTION, Mo., June 17th, 1919
Very Rev. and Dear Father Prior:

Just this morning I received the sad news of the death of your good Father Abbot Bruno Doerfler, O. S. B. Not being able to comply with your kind invitation to be present at his funeral taking place to-morrow, I beg leave to extend to your Reverence and to your whole Ven. Community our sincere sympathy on account of the great loss you suffer, being so soon deprived of your first Father and Abbot who so success-

fully had labored for the improvement of your young foundation. We pray for the repose of his soul as well as for the election of his worthy successor.

Yours very fraternally
FROWIN CONRAD, O.S.B., Abbot.

ST. ANSELM'S PRIORY,
NEW YORK CITY, June 14th, 1919
Very Rev. Dear Father Prior:

This morning Newark Abbey transmitted the sudden news of your good Abbot's death. It was certainly a shock to us, as I am sure it is to your little community. We offer our heartfelt condolence; the Fathers here, except one, had been class mates of Abbot Bruno. We will say holy Mass for him to-morrow and the next few days and have him prayed for in all the Masses.

Once more my deep sympathy in which all the Fathers join me.
Fraternally
P. BERNARD, O. S. B.

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY,
NORTH EDMONTON, Alta., June 17
Rev. Father Peter,
Münster, Sask.

My dear Father:

As I am returning from one of my missions I find the sad news of the death of Rt. Rev. Father Abbot on my table. I make haste to express my sincere heartfelt sympathy for you and all the Benedictine Fathers of the Colony. Through the death of the universally esteemed Father Abbot a vacancy exists which can scarcely be filled. May the good God grant him for his great labors the reward in heaven.

You can imagine how much I would like to be present at the funeral; but we have first Holy Communion next Thursday in Chipman and I find it impossible to attend.

With heartfelt sorrow I remain
Yours
FATHER BONIFATIUS, O. F. M.

ST. JOHN'S JUNIORATE,
STRATHCONA, Alta., June 16, 1919

The Very Rev. Father Prior,
St. Peter's Abbey,
Münster, Sask.

Very Rev. Father Prior:

Permit me to express my heartfelt condolence for the bitter loss which your community and your whole order suffers in consequence of the premature death of the good Abbot Bruno. All our fathers were shocked when the news of his death reached us. Abbot Bruno was loved wherever he went. Through his death the diocese of Prince Albert has lost its best counsellor, and the Church of the West one of its highest dignitaries.

I would like to be present personally to accompany the deceased to his last resting place, and to show you my sympathy. But as we are now in the midst of our final examinations, this will be impossible. I shall often remember him in my prayers at Mass and recommend him to the prayers of others.

In the love of the Sacred Heart, the fountain of all consolation, I remain,
K. MEYER, O. M. I.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH RECTORY,
KITCHENER (Berlin), Ont., June 18
Dear Fathers,

The notice of the death of Rt. Rev. Abbot Bruno came as a distinct shock to me and our little community. Please accept our sincere condolence in this sad event and the promise of our prayers and mementoes for the soul of the dear departed at so early an age when, humanly speaking, one might have expected him at work in the Lord's vineyard for a good many years. However, the Lord knows best what is good and we have to bow in humble adoration of His Holy Will.

Recommending myself and our little community to your pious prayers, I remain
yours sincerely in Christ
THEOBALD SPETZ, Sup. C. R.

THE MOTHER VICAR
and
THE DAUGHTERS OF PROVIDENCE,
HOWELL,

beg to offer their heartfelt sympathy to the Reverend Father Prior and all the Benedictine Fathers, in their bereavement. They promise to remember the Reverend Abbot Bruno at the foot of the altar of Our Lady of The Sacred Heart.
HOWELL, June 16, 1919.

URSULINE SISTERS,
GRAYSON, Sask., June 20, 1919.

Very Rev. and dear Father Prior,
Kindly accept the expression of our deepest compassion in the great sorrow which has met you with the death of dear Father Abbot. It was a great shock to everyone of us too who have known and venerated him. God grant him reward for his zealous work, his strenuous priestly life.

We pray for the rest of his soul.
Yours in reverence and respect
MOTHER IGNATIA.

THE CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE,
PRINCE ALBERT, June 13, 1919.

Dear Rev. Father Prior:

Just now the sad news of the sudden death of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Bruno reaches us. This is a terrible blow for all of us. But for your own community it must be the greatest calamity; the consequences of which will be felt by the whole diocese. In Abbot Bruno the Bishop had found an "alter ego." He had an unbounded confidence in him, and no one ever had any reason to envy Abbot Bruno on account of this; because it was certainly justified.

The Catholic Orphanage has lost a true and faithful friend in Abbot Bruno. We will painfully feel the loss. I hope that he already has received the reward for his many acts of charity. We will all pray for the repose of his soul, and I will offer up the Holy Sacrifice for him.

The death of Father Abbot is a personal loss to me, for I have always considered him a faithful friend, to whom I never turned in vain for help or counsel. I hope that in heaven he will not forget his friends on earth.

With sincere sympathy for your whole community I remain
Your sincere confrere in Christ
FATHER W. BRUECK, O.M.I.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., June 16th
Very Rev. and Dear Father,

Permit me to express to you my most heartfelt sympathy for the sad loss which you suffered in the death of good Abbot Bruno who was so highly esteemed by all.

I would feel it a duty to be present at the funeral if it were in any way possible, but just now I am all alone in the editorial office of "Le Patriote" and it is impossible for me to leave the day before publication.

With the expression of my entire sympathy, I remain, Very Rev. and Dear Father, yours very sincerely in Christ and Mary Im.
A. P. AUCLAIR, O.M.I.,
Editor "Le Patriote."

HANDEL, Sask., June 16th, 1919.
Reverend Father Prior,

My sincere hearty condolence for the sudden loss which the monastery suffers in the death of the dear Father Abbot. The diocese also suffers a great loss. Too bad we could not see him at least complete his confirmation trip. I have published a Requiem Mass for him, in gratitude for all he has done for us.

I regret that the building of our church prevents me from attending the funeral. R. I. P.
Very respectfully
FATHER F. SCHUTZ, O.M.I.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SASKATOON, SASK., June 17, 1919
Dear Rev. Father:

The Grand Knight and members of the Saskatoon Council, of the Knights of Columbus, wish to express their heart-felt sorrow for the loss of the late

Rev. Father Abbot Bruno Doerfler, O.S.B.

His absence from our midst will be felt with a deep regret, as he was much loved and esteemed by all of us, and you can rest assured he will be remembered in our prayers. Arrangements have already been made for a Solemn Requiem Mass to be said at some future date for the repose of his soul. Yours most sincerely,

Knights of Columbus,
Saskatoon Council No. 1517
E. G. REINHART, Rec. Sec.

ST. GREGOR, Sask., June 16, 1919.

Dear St. Peters Bote:

Our C. D. K. Volksverein expresses its heartfelt sympathy for the deceased Abbot Bruno who was the founder and the General Director of the C. D. K. Volksverein.

EMIL HOHMANN, Sec.
(Mr. A. J. Ries in the name of the St. Gregor Volksverein, deposited at the grave a beautiful bouquet of flowers.)

BRUNO, Sask., June 16th, 1919
Very Rev. and dear Father Prior:

The village of Bruno which owes its name to the Rt. Rev. Abbot Bruno, wishes to express to you and the members of St. Peter's Abbey its profound sorrow and sympathy at the altogether too premature and unexpected death of so worthy a prelate of the Church, as was good Abbot Bruno. Though this distinguished dignity is taken from our midst, the inhabitants of Bruno shall ever cherish his memory and think of him with sincere gratitude for all he has accomplished in behalf of Bruno and St. Peter's Colony whose founder he has been.

THE VILLAGE OF BRUNO,
per W. F. Hargarten, Overseer.

MONTREAL, June 18, 1919

Very Rev. Windschiegl, Prior of St. Peter's Abbey, Münster.

My Dear Rev. Father,
Your despatch of the 13th moved me profoundly. Scarcely 15 days ago, I received a fine letter from the Rt. Rev. Father. This premature end therefore took me entirely by surprise.

I join my humble prayers to those of your community to the end that God may well receive His venerable servant.

Accept, my dear Rev. Father, my heartfelt expressions of condolence together with the homage of my profound respect.
HENRY BOURASSA.

WINNIPEG, Man., June 15th, 1919
St. Peter's Abbey, Münster, Sask.

I am deeply grieved to learn the sudden death of your Vicar General and Administrator Right Reverend Bruno Doerfler, O. S. B. It is certainly a great loss to the Catholic Church as a whole and to your Abbey in particular.

I shall always remember how good and valuable a man he was and feel that I, too, have lost in him a friend.

Yours very respectfully,
CLAUDE DENIS.

WINNIPEG, Man., 17.-6.-19
Reverend Fathers,

Münster, Sask.
My sympathy. Cannot attend funeral.

ARCHBISHOP BELVEAU.

WINNIPEG, Man., 17.-6.-19
Reverend Fathers:

Münster, Sask.
My sincere sympathy. Sorry cannot attend funeral.

FATHER PRUDHOMME.

SCOTT, Sask., 16.-6.-19
Very Reverend Prior,

Münster, Sask.
Received sad news of Abbot Bruno's death. Accept profound sympathy. Very sorry cannot come for funeral.

FATHER FORNER.

WAKAW, Sask, 18.-6.-19
Rev. Fathers,

Münster, Sask.
Exceedingly sorry could not assist at funeral service of our late

Vicar General. Receive expressions of compassion.

Rev. OSCAR SOLYMOZ.

MARCELIN, Sask., 17.-6.-19
Rev. Fathers,

Münster, Sask.
En Mission à Marcelin impossible d'aller, sympathies la plus profondes.
M. ADAM.

GRAYSON, Sask., 16.-6.-19
Rev. Benedictine Fathers,

Münster, Sask.
Received sad news of your bereavement. The demise of your dear Abbot fills me with deepest sorrow.
F. X. RAPP, O.M.I.

REGINA, Sask., 16.-6.-19
Reverend Prior,

Münster, Sask.
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy at unfortunate death of Right Rev. Father Bruno.
WM. MARTIN, Premier.

REGINA, Sask., 16.-6.-19
Reverend Father Prior,

Münster, Sask.
Permit me to express my keen regret at death of Right Reverend Father Bruno. I met him on several occasions and esteemed him highly.
WALTER SCOTT.

REGINA, Sask., 16.-6.-19
Reverend Prior,

Münster, Sask.
Please accept expression of my most hearty sorrow at death of Right Rev. Father Abbot. We have all suffered a great loss in him. I regret that the most urgent reasons prevent my presence at funeral. I knew him well and had high esteem for his many qualities.
W. D. A. TURGEON.

WINNIPEG, Man., 17.-6.-19
The Rev. Fathers,

Münster, Sask.
Sincerest sympathy in the great loss which you and we all suffered.
G. L. MARON,
Editor of the Northwestern.

Cyclon in Fergus Falls, Minn.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 22.—Destruction of the central section of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, by a tornado this evening, with the loss of perhaps 200 lives, was reported tonight by railway officials and despatches from nearby towns.

The storm struck the city about 7 o'clock, destroying among other buildings, the Grand Hotel, in which it is reported 74 persons were trapped when the structure collapsed.

Great Northern train No. 1 the Oriental Limited, westbound from Chicago to Seattle, was blown from the track about twenty miles west of Fergus Falls, but early reports said only one person was injured. The passengers were taken to Moorhead, Minn.

Reports from Staples said the Great Northern depot at Fergus Falls also was blown down by the storm and many persons killed.

The Strike in Winnipeg.

Just at a time when peace was in sight, when on all sides people were talking about a general resumption of industry, Winnipeg's general strike situation in the afternoon of June 21st came to a bloody climax, when violent rioting broke out on Main street. Leaders of the soldier-strikers, who planned a "silent-massed parade," in defiance of Mayor Gray's proclamation, are blamed by authorities for the outbreak. An attempt was made to form a procession outside the city hall. Mounted Police appeared on the scene to preserve order. They were attacked aggressively, and were forced to fire on the crowd. One man is reported dead. A number are fatally wounded, and about fifty are injured. The Riot Act was read, and it is believed that martial law will be proclaimed.

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