

2,000 ATTEND O'CONOR FUNERAL

Archbishop Keough Offers Mass At New Cathedral

The Catholic Church and an estimated 2,000 persons paid their final tribute to Herbert R. O'Connor yesterday with a pontifical requiem mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

Mr. O'Connor, a former governor and United States senator and perhaps Maryland's best-known Catholic layman in this century, was described as a man who "lived his faith and exercised his intellect united with God his creator," in a eulogy by the Very Rev. Vincent F. Beatty, S.J., president of Loyola College.

The funeral mass, celebrated by Archbishop Keough and sung in Gregorian chant by the St. Mary's Seminary Choir, was attended by United States senators and congressmen, judges and executives of the city and State governments.

Arch Of Knights' Swords

Mr. O'Connor's coffin, covered by an American flag, was carried into the Cathedral through two rows of Fourth Degree Knights of

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Columbus. The knights' raised swords, which caught the bright morning sun, formed an arch for the quiet procession.

In the vestibule, the funeral party was met by the Rev. Thomas A. Whelan, who blessed the coffin and prayed that "the angel of the Lord" would "receive his soul and present it to the Most High."

The 40 voices of the seminary choir sang "Sub Venite," a Latin hymn with which the church traditionally receives a body at a funeral mass.

Family And Notables

Mr. O'Connor's immediate family stood behind the coffin during this preliminary service.

Also in the crowded vestibule were men of many positions in national, State and civic affairs.

Among them, Senator Beall (R., Md.), Senator Kefauver (D., Tenn.), Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.), Senator Frear (D., Del.), Governor Tawes, Mayor Grady, Simon E. Sobeloff, chief judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the Johns Hopkins University.

Others were Representative Fallon (D., Fourth), Representative Garmatz (D., Third), Emory H. Niles, chief judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city; former Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., William Preston Lane who followed Mr. O'Connor as Governor, and former Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, who followed Mr. Lane.

Clergy And Knights

There also was George P. Mahoney, Joseph Sherbow, Louis L. Goldstein, State comptroller; Dr. R. Walter Graham, Jr., city comptroller, George L. Radcliffe, who preceded Mr. O'Connor in the Senate, and James H. Pollack.

These people and many others followed the coffin along the center aisle of the Cathedral to the railing of the sanctuary. There the pallbearers rested the coffin between six tall candles.

Then, about 60 members of the clergy filed to the main altar from one side of the Cathedral. In this group were six members of the Knights of St. Gregory. James Keelty, Jr., Henry P. Irr, William C. Rogers, Sr., John F. Eyring, Charles H. Roloson, Jr. and Joseph P. Healy.

The Knights of St. Gregory (Mr. O'Connor had been named to this high post) took special places in the sanctuary.

After this procession, Archbishop Keough began the mass, assisted by the Rev. Chester Griffith, pastor of St. Paul's Church, and the Rev. Aloysius C. Galvin, S.J., of Loyola College.

The choir sang age-old chants and several modern ones during the mass.

When the choir was silent the Cathedral was very still and light coming through the stained-glass windows projected a kaleidoscope on the interior marble, contrasting sharply with the black and white clerical robes.

The mass had begun at 10.22 A.M. and was over at 11.05 A.M.

"Served So Faithfully"

Father Beatty then walked to the pulpit. He said of Mr. O'Connor:

"Here he lies in the splendid new Catholic Cathedral dedicated to Mary Our Queen whose Son he had followed so well as a devout, intelligent and active Roman Catholic.

"Here he lies in this city of Baltimore that he loved and served so faithfully, in the State of Maryland that he rose to govern and represent in the United States Senate.

"Here he lies surrounded by members of his family to whom he was so dedicated, in the presence of a legion of friends from all walks of life whom he remembered and cherished even in the midst of public acclaim."

First Friday

Father Beatty said that for many years in many churches Mr. O'Connor had, on the first Friday of each month, "received his Lord in holy communion, but on the first Friday of March, 1960, his Lord received him into an eternal companionship so beautiful that the eye has not seen nor the earth heard nor hath it entered into the mind of man to imagine."

The president of Loyola, which graduated Mr. O'Connor in 1917, concluded with the brief prayer: "May eternal light shine upon him, and may he enjoy the blessed companionship of God forever."