

Tridentine Community News

November 13, 2022 – Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Altar at Priest's Grave at Mt. Elliott Cemetery



Longtime Detroit area TLM supporter and talented graphic artist Mark Nemecek posted the following on Facebook about an unusual grave at Detroit's Mt. Elliott Cemetery, across the street from the Solanus Casey Center:

"There's a really incredible tombstone for a priest (maybe bishop?) as soon as you go through the gate, on the right. The whole tombstone has an altar and benches so a priest could celebrate Mass at his grave."

Minutes later, Nicole Scheier posted the above photo of the grave.

It's actually more ornate than even Mark described. The altar has candle holders and a missal stand, and choir stalls and a kneeler flank it so that faithful could attend a Mass celebrated there.

So who was the priest buried there? Fr. James G. Doherty died in 1926. Born in Ireland, he was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Detroit in 1876. He served as pastor of Detroit's St. Vincent de Paul Church, near the Michigan Central Depot, for 40 years. A newspaper obituary related the following impressive facts:

"In 1891 he established St. Vincent's Academy.

With the growth of Detroit's population, the schools increased considerably and today have an average attendance of about 850. The academy has given to Detroit a long roll of distinguished citizens, while a large number of students embraced the religious life. Over 200 of its girl students have become nuns of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Monroe convent, and about 100 others have joined other orders. Nearly 100 of its boys have become priests.

The educational standard of the academy was brought to such a high pitch by Monsignor Doherty that its graduates qualified immediately as teachers."

It's almost unimaginable that a priest of today could be such a font of religious vocations and educational productivity. It's similarly hard to imagine that a more contemporary version of this grave, incorporating a freestanding altar, would ever be constructed.

Winnipeg Priest Training Report



Congratulations to Fr. Christian Mutombo, Pastor of the Parish of Saints-Martyrs-Canadiens in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Master of Ceremonies of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, who celebrated his first Traditional Latin Mass on Thursday, November 10, 2022 after training from Extraordinary Faith. Archbishop Albert LeGat invited us to conduct the training in his private chapel in the Archbishop's Residence and met with us during the session. Special thanks to Geoff McInnes of the Latin Mass Society of Winnipeg for organizing the event.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 11/15 6:00 PM: High Mass at *Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth* (St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor) – Celebrant: Fr. Clint McDonell

Tue. 11/15 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor* (St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor)

Sun. 11/20 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Last Sunday After Pentecost) – Celebrant: Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ