

“And I will raise me up a faithful Priest who shall do according to my heart and my soul.”

—I. Kings, ii., xxxv.

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# SILVER JUBILEE

—OF THE—

REV. WM. MCNULTY,

*RECTOR*

—OF—

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

PATERSON, N. J.

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**R**EALIZING that a most important part of the agreeable task imposed upon us—of preparing for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ordination of our valued friend and worthy associate in the Sacred Ministry, the Rev. William McNulty—remains undischarged until we have given some permanent form to the record of that happy event; and believing also, that in doing so we shall but express the earnest wish of the clergy and laity, we have undertaken the publication of this little pamphlet.

The only opposition we met with arose, from the same source, as that which somewhat retarded and restricted our previous efforts—Father McNulty himself, whose retiring disposition, and positive dislike to all public display, rendered him at first averse to even that tacit coöperation, without which at least in a matter such as this, no advance whatever could be made.

Keenly alive to the impropriety of indulging in a single line of flattery, or of even too partially representing a single fact, it is incumbent upon us at the same time, to endeavor to reflect faithfully, the generous, affectionate feelings of the people, and the high esteem of the clergy as manifested on the occasion of Father McNulty's SILVER JUBILEE. Hence, our purpose is, to record the proceedings of the sixth and seventh of August just as they occurred, and as they were, for the most part, reported in the public newspapers.

We here take occasion to remark, that all we have done has been to us a labor of love, and we pray God to spare our Reverend friend for twenty-five years more to commemorate again, and in GOLDEN FORM, the JUBILEE of his Ordination.



## THE SILVER JUBILEE

THE first intimation which the Reverend Clergy of the diocese of Newark had, of the near approach of the SILVER JUBILEE of one of their most esteemed members, was, the reception of the following circular :

BERGEN POINT, July 10, 1882.

REV. DEAR SIR :

You may not be unaware that the REV. FATHER McNULTY, the distinguished pastor of St. John's Church, Paterson, is about to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, on Monday, the 7th of August next.

The occurrence of such an event in the life of a worthy Minister of Christ, merits, we think, some recognition on the part of his brethren, the older clergy of the Diocese. We therefore cordially invite your Reverence to send to any of the undersigned whatever contribution may seem to you fitting to procure a suitable testimonial—say a Chalice, Missal and a set of Breviaries—to be presented to the faithful incumbent of St. John's Church, Paterson, on the occasion mentioned above.

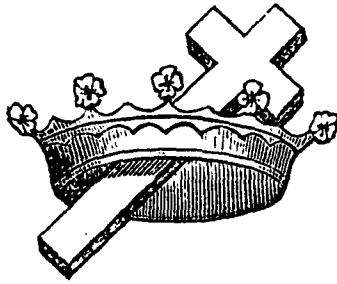
With profound respect, we remain,

Your Reverence's obedient humble servants,

THOS. M. KILLEEN,  
PATRICK CODY,  
PATRICK HENNESSY.

How nobly and generously it was responded to, the magnificent celebration of the seventh of August abundantly testified; and the laity, immediately catching up the spirit of enthusiasm which animated the clergy, bade fair to rival their Rev. superiors. Long will the sixth of August be remembered by the congregation of St. John's Church, Paterson.

Seeing that a public celebration was inevitable, Father McNulty decided to hold aloof no longer, and accordingly issued invitations to his friends, in the shape of a neat, silvered card, of which the following is an illustration :



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

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THE REV. W. McNULTY

Requests the pleasure of your company at his

SILVER JUBILEE,

August sixth and seventh.

Sixth: *Pro Populo.*

Seventh: *Pro Clero.*

SOLEMN MASS at 10:30.

DINNER AT 1.

Father McNulty never imagined how numerous and enthusiastic were his friends, until he had issued this card. He saw at once, as events subsequently proved, that his usually quiet, routine life, would be seriously interfered with, by the sixth and seventh of August. He at first innocently fancied that the intense heat of the weather, the absence from home of many of his oldest friends, and his own partial seclusion, would guarantee him a quiet celebration, but he now became convinced of the contrary. And yet, the heart of the good priest must have been gladdened by the splendid sight which met his eye, when at length, the happy day dawned. But let the *New York Herald* and the Paterson daily papers tell what occurred.

[From the *New York Herald*, Aug. 7, 1882.]

### *HONORS TO A VETERAN PRIEST.*

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Father William McNulty has for the past nineteen years been the pastor of St. John's Catholic Church in Paterson, N. J. The fact that he was the principal instrument in putting down the riot of the 2d of May, 1879, in Paterson, after all other resources had been exhausted, is an evidence of the influence he wields in that city. Yesterday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination as a priest, and it was celebrated with becoming ceremonies. He had no desire for a public display, and in fact had requested, that the occasion be observed with as little pomp as possible; but his many admirers, especially among the senior clergy of the diocese, would not listen to any such proposal, and they made it one of the grandest days ever passed in Paterson. The numerous attendance of the clergy, the many elegant presents, and the thousands who flocked in from all parts of the country, to assist in the celebration, spoke eloquently of the popularity of the good old father. At ten o'clock high mass was sung and the auditorium of the church was densely packed. The celebrant was the Rev. Father McNulty himself; the deacon was the Rev. Father Whelan, of Elizabethport, and the sub-deacon the Rev. Father Murphy, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson. The Rev. M. J. Hickie, of Paterson, formerly of Brooklyn, was master of ceremonies, and Mr. Charles Mackel sub-master. Bishop Fitzgerald of the diocese of Little Rock, Ark., who studied in Mount St. Mary's College, Emmettsburg, Md., with Father McNulty, came all the way from Arkansas to preach the sermon, and do honor to the friend of his youth. The Right Rev. Bishop occupied the pontifical throne in the absence, and with permission, of the Ordinary of the diocese, with the Rev. Father Hens, of Paterson, and the Rev. Dr. Larkin, of Mt. St. Mary's College, as deacons of honor. Generali's mass was sung by a choir consisting of the usual singers in St. John's Church, assisted by the members of the choir of the Cathedral, and of the Church of the Nativity in this city. In the afternoon the same singers rendered Generali's vespers. Immediately after high mass, the assembled clergy went to the residence of Father McNulty, adjoining the church, and after dinner, the Father was made the recipient of a number of elegant presents. The senior clergy of the diocese gave him a massive gold chalice, studded with valuable jewels, and a heavy illuminated missal. Archbishop Corrigan, of this city, formerly Ordinary of the diocese of Newark, to which Paterson belongs, gave him an illuminated missal, said to be the most elegant in the city of Paterson. The Sisters of Charity of Paterson, sent a large silver soup tureen, and the Sisters of Charity of Madison, in which place Father McNulty was pastor before he was transferred to Paterson, sent a silver goblet and water pitcher. There were many other presents. The festivities of yesterday are to be continued to-day, when the large numbers of the clergy, of New York and New Jersey, who could not attend yesterday

on account of their duties, will join in the general celebration. Several hundred clergymen have signified their intention to participate.

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[From the *Paterson Daily Guardian*, of Aug. 7, 1882.]

### A SILVER JUBILEE AT ST. JOHN'S.

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CELEBRATION OF FATHER McNULTY'S QUARTER-CENTENNIAL AS A PRIEST.—  
ST. JOHN'S, A BLAZE OF LIGHT, DECORATED WITH FLOWERS AND FILLED  
WITH MELODY.—IMPRESSIVE SERVICES AND OVERFLOWING CONGREGA-  
TIONS.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Rev. William McNulty's ordination as a priest was begun yesterday at St. John's R. C. Church, and is being continued to-day. The church was crowded to overflowing, at all the services yesterday and again this morning. The music was grand and impressive, and all the religious ceremonies of an unusual character, a wonderful spirit being developed by the deeply interesting occasion, which had brought so many distinguished clergymen and such a vast concourse of people together.

While the Father was pleased to have the quarter centennial of his priesthood celebrated with becoming ceremonies, he had no desire for an ostentatious public display, and in fact had requested that the occasion be observed with as little pomp as possible; but his many admirers, especially among the senior clergy of the diocese, would not listen to any such proposal; the result was, they made yesterday, one of the grandest days, ecclesiastically, ever passed in Paterson. The attendance of the distinguished clergy, the many elegant presents and the thousands who flocked in from all parts of the country to assist in the celebration, spoke eloquently of the popularity of the good Father. At ten o'clock high mass was sung, and the auditorium of the church was densely packed. The celebrant was the Rev. Father McNulty himself; the deacon was the Rev. Father Whelan, of Elizabethport, and the sub-deacon the Rev. Father Murphy, of St. Joseph's Hospital, this city. The Rev. M. J. Hickie, of this city, formerly of Brooklyn, was master of ceremonies, and Mr. Charles Mackel sub-master. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Fitzgerald, of the diocese of Little Rock, Ark. The Bishop, who was a classmate of Father McNulty, came all the way from Kansas to do honor to the friend of his youth. The deacons of honor were the Rev. N. Hens, of Paterson, and the Rev. Dr. Larkin. Generali's mass was sung by a choir consisting of the usual singers in St. John's choir, assisted by members of the choir of the Cathedral and of the Church of the Nativity, of New York city.

Bishop Fitzgerald's text was from St. John xx., 21: "As my father hath sent me, so also send I you." He began his discourse with an eloquent eulogy of the Rev. Father McNulty. He spoke of the untiring zeal and



constant energy of the faithful pastor. How full of blessings to his people were the twenty-five years of his priestly life. How he had poured upon them the saving waters of baptism, had stood at the altar of propitiation acting as their mediator. He had been their steadfast friend and consoler in life, had knelt at the bedside of the dying, and after the earthly scene had closed o'er the departed, he daily offered the sacrifice of atonement for their salvation. The Bishop proceeded then to deliver an excellent discourse on the Christian priesthood. He demonstrated that the priestly mission is but the continuation of the mission of Christ Himself. Our Saviour preached, pardoned, and offered up Himself in sacrifice; so also does the priest. For does not the true priest give his life to his sacred mission? The spirit of their beloved Master ever pervades, ever permeates the lives of the anointed of God. "The priest," says a sacred writer, "is another Christ in his official capacity. With what reverence, then, should we regard the priest of God." The Rt. Rev. Bishop warned his hearers against the spirit of irreligion. He exhorted them to pray, that both priest and people may receive the imperishable crown of glory. The discourse was a model of true Christian eloquence. Free from invective, it was most impressive, by its force of learned argument, and most attractive, by a modest grace and dignity of delivery.

The musical portion of the services was a marked feature. Said a musical critic, after yesterday morning's mass: "There was positively not a thing, not the slightest error or omission, that I could detect to mar the magnificent performance." Professor William Davis presided at the organ, whereat he was assisted by his brother, of the Church of the Nativity in New York, and the different portions of the mass were sung by the church choir and the New York quartette, which was composed of Mrs. Wedemeier-Rockholdt, soprano; Mrs. Shanz-Bartholdi, alto; Mr. Bersin, tenor, and Mr. Haden base. The morning musical programme was as follows: Prelude, Asperges me, quartette, Werner; Kyrie, Gloria and Credo from Generali's Mass in C, choir and quartette; Veni Creator, quartette, Millard; Sancta Maria, quartette and chorus; Gordigliand; Sanctus and Agnus Dei from Haydn's Mass in C. Overture. Among the most pleasing features where the Qui Tollis, in the Gloria, which is rendered as a trio, the alto being excluded; the Deum de Deo, in which Mrs. Shanz-Bartholdi was extremely fine; the Sancta Maria, and the singing of the full quartette in the offertory. All the solos were sung by the New York vocalists. In the afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, the same singers rendered Generali's vespers, the programme being as follows: Vespers, Quartette Giorza; Salve Regina, Abbe Stadler; O Salutaris, Trio for soprano, alto and tenor, Curschmann; Tantum ergo, quartette, Bagioli. Overture. The Tantum ergo was a marked feature, the soprano solo, by Mrs. Wedemeier-Rockholdt, being exquisitely rendered. The church interior was ablaze with numerous lights, and fragrant and beautiful plants and flowers had been disposed artistically. The rich and beautiful new monstrance, a

receptacle for the Host, with its golden radii ; the magnificent new carpet on the floor of the sanctuary, and the elegant silver gong, to be sounded during mass, at the more solemn portions of the ceremonial, as at the Elevation of the Host for instance, all were brought into use for the first time yesterday. Immediately after high mass the assembled clergy repaired to the residence of Father McNulty, in Grand street, adjoining the church, and after dinner the Father was made the recipient of a number of elegant presents. The senior clergy of the diocese gave him a massive gold chalice, studded with valuable jewels, and a heavy illuminated missal. Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, formerly Ordinary of the diocese of Newark, to which Paterson belongs, gave him an illuminated missal, said to be the most elegant in the city of Paterson. The Sisters of Charity, of this city, sent a large silver soup tureen, and the Sisters of Charity of Madison, in which place Father McNulty was pastor before he was transferred to Paterson, sent a silver goblet and water pitcher. There were many other presents also.

To-day there is a continuation of yesterday's festivities, the services and observances being in the nature, more especially, of a reunion of the clergy, many of whom, because of their duties, could not attend yesterday, among them Archbishop Corrigan. To-day all these, from New York and New Jersey, join in a general celebration, the church programme for the morning services being as follows : Mass by Giorza, sung by the New York quartette for offertory ; O Salutaris, trio for soprano, alto and tenor by Nicolai ; after mass, Te Deum, Gregorian Chant, chanted alternately by the priest in the sanctuary and the choir. At 1.15 P. M., after the entertainment of the clergy by Rev. Mr. McNulty at his house, the children of the church were to come together to sing.

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### A SILVER JUBILEE.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF USEFUL WORK AS A PRIEST.—THE CELEBRATION TO-DAY AND YESTERDAY OF REV. FATHER McNULTY'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION.—A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF THE VENERABLE PRIEST.—SERMON BY BISHOP FITZGERALD.—NUMEROUS AND ELEGANT PRESENTS.—THE CLERGY AND LAITY CROWDING TO CONGRATULATE A MAN WHO HAS SPENT NINETEEN YEARS IN THE INTEREST OF CATHOLICITY IN PATERSON.

“There goes a man for whom I have a great deal of respect. He does not agree with me in religion, nor in politics ; in fact we do not agree on any of the points on which men generally differ, but there is no man for whom I have a greater respect. He is a worker, he is honest, he endeavors to do all he can for mankind, he has accomplished a great deal of good, and

the world would be a great deal better if there were more men in it like that gentleman." These words were recently addressed to a PRESS representative by a prominent Baptist in this city. The person to whom they referred was walking along the opposite side of the street. It was Father McNulty, the pastor of St. John's Catholic Church.

There are few persons in this city, if indeed there are any, who would dissent from these sentiments in the slightest particular. There is perhaps no person in Paterson who has earned, and deserves, the respect of the public, more than Father McNulty. For nineteen years he has been in Paterson, and during that time he has shown himself on all occasions the fearless exponent of what he thought was right. By his suave and pleasant manner he has made himself hosts of friends; by his strict adherence to the principles he believes in, he has made himself many admirers, and by the courage with which he denounces crime, under all circumstances, he has gained the respect of all. This man yesterday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The day had been looked forward to with considerable expectation by the thousands of Catholics not only in this city but in many neighboring places where he was acquainted. His own desire, as expressed at the time when the matter was first spoken of, was, to have the day pass as quietly as possible without any attempt at a public display. The public would, however, not listen to this, and a grand demonstration was decided upon. A large number of clergy expressed their regret, that their duties in their own churches would prevent them from attending the festivities on a Sunday, and at the earnest solicitation of these, it was arranged that there should be two days, one for the general public and one for the clergy.

Yesterday, was the day devoted to the public observances of the anniversary. High Mass was celebrated at half past ten o'clock, Father McNulty himself being the celebrant. The deacon of the mass was Father Whelan, of Elizabethport, and the sub-deacon Father Murphy of the Sisters' Hospital. The deacons of honor Rev. N. Hens, of this city, and Rev. Dr. Larkin, of Mount St. Mary, Emmettsburg, Md. Rev. J. M. Hickie, formerly of Brooklyn, but at present associated with Father McNulty in the care of St. John's parish, was master of ceremonies, assisted by Mr. Charles Mackel as sub-master. The sermon was delivered by Rt. Rev. Bishop Fitzgerald, of Little Rock, the Bishop coming all the way from the far West to be present at the celebration of the silver jubilee. The subject of the Bishop's sermon was the Christian Priesthood, on which he spoke at length and very eloquently. He first referred to the occasion and the earnest labors of Father McNulty and then confined himself to a general discourse on the Catholic Priesthood, an institution, handed down to the present age from the priesthood instituted by Christ and His apostles. The mass that was sung was Generali's and the choir consisted of the usual singers, assisted by a tenor from the Cathedral in New York, and three singers from the Church of the Nativity in New York.

The church was uncomfortably crowded, and it was suffocatingly hot, still no one was seen to leave until the services were over. The auditorium of the church contained people of all denominations, the majority of course being Catholics, but Protestant faces being of frequent occurrence. The church was decorated with flowers contributed by members of the congregation. In the afternoon Generali's Vespers were sung and the church was again filled to overflowing.

Immediately after High Mass the priests, of whom there were about thirty in attendance, proceeded to the residence of Father McNulty, adjoining the church, where a dinner awaited them. A number of presents had arrived in the meantime and nearly every priest present had something for Father McNulty as a token of regard. These gifts consisted principally of useful articles in saying mass and for use in other ceremonies of the Catholic church. In addition to these were the presents of the senior clergy of the Diocese of Newark, to which Paterson belongs, consisting of an elegant chalice, for use in celebrating mass, and an illuminated and handsomely bound missal, the book which is used by the priest in saying mass. The chalice is ornamented with a number of valuable stones, is of gold and valued at \$350. The missal is bound in red morocco and is one of the most handsome owned by any priest. Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, formerly Ordinary of this Diocese, also sent an illuminated missal. The Sisters of Charity of Madison and Baskingridge, of which places Father McNulty was pastor for the first two years of his life as a priest, sent a silver goblet and water pitcher, and the Sisters of Charity of this city sent a silver soup tureen. The male Sunday School teachers sent a floral decoration which ornamented the dinner table. A notable feature of yesterday's occasion was the presence of twelve members of the Christian Brotherhood. All of them were young men and at one time residents of Paterson; all of them had been started on their ecclesiastical career and had obtained their education for the priesthood through the endeavors and the influence of Father McNulty. These young men are now stationed in the numerous provinces of the order in New York State.

This morning nearly every train that came to Paterson brought hither a number of the Catholic clergy of the surrounding country. Among the more distinguished arrivals were Bishop Wigger, of the diocese of Newark; Archbishop Corrigan, of New York; Bishop Fitzgerald, of Little Rock, Ark.; Mgr. Doane, of the Cathedral, Newark; Very Rev. James Carrigan, President of Seton Hall College; Rev. F. McCartie, Chancellor of the Diocese; and the Rev. Father Thebaud. The latter is perhaps the oldest Jesuit in the country. Last January he celebrated his fiftieth anniversary of ordination. He was for a number of years President of St. John's college at Fordham and ranks high among the Jesuits. He is the author of a number of theological works of great reputation and value. Amongst the other arrivals are noticed the Rev. Fathers Killeen, Hennessy, Cody, Pierce, McCarthy, Kirwan, Hens, Thebaud, S. J., Curran, Gesner, Leonard,

Gambasville. Salaun, Dawnes, Morris, McGahan, Whelan, White, D. McCarthy, Carr, Shepherd, McManus, Muller, J. Kelly, Brady and Dr. Larkin of Mt. St. Mary's. Many prominent laymen from Paterson and elsewhere were present amongst whom was expected Mr. Thomas B. Connery, managing editor of the *New York Herald*. He and Father McNulty were classmates at Fordham, N. Y., a small village in New York State, a short distance north of the metropolis, where the Society of Jesuits have one of their famous colleges. They were intimate friends while at college and graduated together. Mr. Connery would undoubtedly have been present had he been home; but he is now recreating in Europe.

Presents also continued to arrive and among the more noteworthy ones was a magnificent ostensorium made of gold and silver, the present of the congregation of St. John's church. It was made by Benziger Brothers of New York who make a specialty of church vestments and ornaments. An ostensorium is a receptacle for the large host, consecrated at mass, and used in giving the benediction after mass and at afternoon services.

After High Mass had been celebrated the priests present met in the parlors of the residence of Father McNulty, where he was presented with the following address which was read by Father Hennessy, of Jersey City :

#### ADDRESS OF THE REV. CLERGY.

We are met here to-day to congratulate you on this auspicious occasion, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your elevation to the sacred priesthood. Not to many is it given to see your years in the holy ministry, though years constitute no merit; but to few indeed is it granted to accomplish works such as you have achieved, for you are fuller of works than of days.

Imbued with the missionary spirit of your countrymen, you early left your native land, "the island of Saints and Apostles," bidding "adieu to Ballyshannon and the winding banks of Erne." Arriving in New York in 1850; you entered the celebrated halls of the Jesuits at Fordham, where you drank deep of classical and philosophical lore; and graduated with distinction. Thence you repaired to that illustrious seat of learning, so justly styled "the nursery of priests and bishops"—Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmettsburg, Md., where for four years, guided by the spirit of the saintly Dubois, and the indomitable Bruté; under the tutorship of the learned McCaffrey and the gentle Elder "you were nourished up in the words of faith and good doctrine." There, under the peaceful shadow of "the old mountain," you were taught the chief characteristics of a true minister of Christ; who, according to the Apostle, should be "of blameless life, sober, prudent, of good behavior, chaste, modest, not quarrelsome, not greedy of filthy lucre, holding the mysteries of the faith in a pure conscience, an example of the faithful in word, in conversation, in charity, in faith."

Thus prepared, and having received ordination at the hands of the late lamented Archbishop Bayley, you went forth five and twenty years ago to-

day, "to labor as a good soldier of Christ" in the Diocese of Newark. You were first selected to assist as vice-President the present distinguished Bishop of Rochester in conducting at Madison the college of Seton Hall which has since developed into the far-famed institution at South Orange, much of whose success may be traced back to the fact that you reproduced at Madison the zeal which you had seen exercised, and the discipline which you had seen enforced at your Mountain "Alma Mater."

You were afterwards placed over the missions of Morris County, including Mendham, Basking Ridge, and other neighbouring stations, where you erected churches and attended to the spiritual wants of that extensive district, at the same time discharging the office of Chaplain to the infant community of the Sisters of Charity at Madison, and assisting them very materially in the management of their temporal affairs.

In 1863 the church of St. John the Baptist, Paterson, was without a pastor. The Right Rev. Bishop, knowing the importance of this growing city, which has since become one of the most successful manufacturing centres of the country, and thoroughly appreciating its religious wants, cast his eyes over his clergy, to find one capable of holding the reins of its destiny with a vigorous hand. He knew that in large manufacturing cities, there were numerous dangers to souls, and none more to be dreaded than those arising from intemperance. With that correctness of judgment which always marked his appointments, he fixed his eyes on the vice-President of Seton Hall, and commissioned him to enter on a new sphere of labor on the banks of the Passaic. Here, indeed, you found a field not wholly uncultivated, for zealous priests had preceded you. That veteran missionary and church-builder, Father Senez, now the highly esteemed pastor of St. Mary's, Jersey City, had labored some years on this mission with distinguished success. The lamented Fathers O'Rielly, Quinn and Callan, had left the impress of their zeal and piety on the Catholic population of Paterson. Here you found a spacious church, and a large congregation of generous and devoted Catholics. Nevertheless your penetrating mind soon perceived that the wants of your growing flock were not sufficiently provided for, and that the church was too small to accommodate the crowds which presented themselves Sunday after Sunday for divine worship. In 1865, therefore, having purchased a most suitable location, you laid the corner stone of this magnificent temple, one of the noblest monuments of religion in the United States. After five years of ceaseless toil, at night collecting from your generous flock the necessary funds, by day laboring even with your own hands, in the quarry, measuring the stone, mounting the walls, and giving directions to the builders, with untiring zeal and unremitting effort, after an expenditure of \$200,000, you at length beheld your church ready for dedication to God. The Archbishop of Philadelphia, in the absence of your own Ordinary, did you the honor to come from his Archiepiscopal city to consecrate this magnificent edifice to the worship of the Most High. This was indeed a proud day not merely

for yourself and your devoted people, but also for the entire population of Paterson, all rejoicing that they had in their midst a pastor capable of conceiving and executing so grand a work.

Had you rested here you had done enough to enshrine your name and perpetuate your memory in the grateful hearts of the people of Paterson. But happily this was only the first of your great achievements in their behalf. Having completed the new church of St. John, you next turned your attention to the wants of the orphan, and the need of a suitable cemetery for the burial of the Catholic dead. In 1868, you purchased the beautiful site two miles from the city on the banks of the swift-flowing Passaic. Here you erected St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, and laid out the Cemetery of the Holy Sepulchre. In that asylum, under the direction of the Sisters of Charity, ever ready to care for the fatherless, you have every year maintained nearly a hundred orphans, while the cemetery of the Holy Sepulchre, so charmingly situated, and so elegantly laid out bids fair to become one of the most admired repositories of the dead in this State. Finding in 1870, that notwithstanding the immense proportions of St. John's church, the entire Catholic population could not be accommodated within its spacious precincts, you purchased a very desirable property on Broadway, whereon you erected St. Joseph's church, which you attended for seven years, and which when ready to be erected into a regular parish, you found to have a value of \$30,000. The good work which you began there was successfully carried on by the lamented Father Molloy, and is now being continued with no less success by the present distinguished pastor, the zealous and learned Dr. Smith.

A few years afterwards, perceiving that the Catholic population on the left bank of the Passaic, had increased very considerably, you purchased a suitable plot of ground at Totowa, and erected thereon a commodious brick edifice, making the lower story answer for religious, and the upper for educational purposes. At the same time you introduced, and provided a residence for the Sisters of St. Dominic, to take charge of the schools there. Three years ago, after accumulating a property of \$20,000, for the new foundation, you recommended the Right Rev. Bishop to erect this second daughter of St. John's into a regular parish church, and had the satisfaction of seeing appointed to its first rectorship Rev. Father Curran, the courageous founder and indefatigable editor of the *Paterson Times*.

One of the most pressing needs in a great city like Paterson, where in consequence of extensive manufactures there is great liability to accident and disease, was a hospital for the sick and wounded, to the establishment of which in 1869, under the management of the Sisters of Charity, you largely contributed. Under your fostering care and liberal encouragement, this institution of benevolence has gone on for fourteen years in its career of mercy, sheltering the sick and disabled without distinction of country, creed or color. Long may it prosper in its Godlike work, and

long may you be spared to be a father and guide to the self-sacrificing sisters who so successfully conduct it.

In 1874, the old pastoral residence having become too small for the accommodation of the clergy, you erected at a cost of \$15,000 this elegant parsonage, which forms a fitting appendage to the church of St. John, at the same time converting the old rectory into a home for the good sisters.

But amid all the excellent works of religion in which you have been engaged, not one has claimed more of your attention than the providing of sufficient school facilities for the education of your children, for you have been thoroughly convinced that without the solid groundwork of a sound Catholic education, the Catholic faith cannot take a firm hold on the hearts of our people. Hence from the very commencement of your administration, your most strenuous efforts have been directed to promote the welfare of your numerous spiritual children in this respect. In 1880, although your school facilities were by no means contemptible, yet you saw that the growing wants of the parish demanded more school room, and you accordingly gave orders to your architect so to alter old St. John's Church as to afford you additional school accommodation for one thousand children, while at the same time you entered into negotiations with the Brothers of Mary to conduct those of your schools which were designed for the larger boys. You have now the satisfaction of knowing that, with the Sisters of Charity to teach your schools for girls and smaller boys, and the Brothers of Mary to direct the schools for the larger boys, there are few if any parishes in the diocese that can claim the same advance in education as you can in this great city of Paterson. Again do we say, long may you be preserved to preside over the destinies of the Catholic education in this portion of the diocese of Newark.

In 1873, flying from the tyranny of a Bismarck, the Franciscan Fathers, bidding adieu to their native land, arrived in the city of Paterson, friendless and well nigh penniless. Learning that it was their intention, with the permission of the Right Rev. Bishop, to establish themselves in this city, and anticipating no small good to religion from the presence of so zealous and self denying a body of religious men, you extended to them a friendly hand, gave them every encouragement, and permitted your generous people to aid them in the erection of their beautiful church and monastery on Stony Road. Thus St. John's church has had the satisfaction of beholding another of her children snugly ensconced on the banks of the Passaic.

Three years ago, finding that the city was largely extending itself in the direction of the new hospital, and that there were numerous children who resided too far away St. John's schools to avail themselves of their advantages, you erected a frame building for the accommodation of these children, placing it in charge of the devoted Sisters, ever ready to second your efforts in behalf of Catholic education, and it is believed that in a short time the spiritual wants of that portion of the city will enlist your



zeal for the erection of a new church and the foundation of a new parish in that section. We may also be permitted to allude to the new church now in course of erection near the river for the Catholic Hollanders under the zealous care of the Rev. Father Hens and not without your encouragement and cooperation. Thus, then, we may on this day congratulate St. John's church upon being the joyful mother of a numerous offspring, which cluster round about her on every side, and may indulge the hope that while each is guarded by its own titular saint, the spirit of the Baptist will still hover over them all.

In addition to your labors within the limits of Paterson, you did not fail to extend your pastoral zeal to the neighboring missions of Hohokus and Pompton, where you built churches, and for many years attended to the spiritual wants of the Catholics of those extensive districts, which are now under the zealous charge of the Fathers of St. Boniface's church.

There is another department of your labors to which we cannot close this address without referring. We allude to your efforts in the great temperance movement, which indeed we may say you were the first to inaugurate both in this city and throughout the diocese. Upon your taking possession of this great parish, you were not slow to perceive that one of the greatest evils, and one of the most formidable stumbling blocks to the advancement of religion in your parish was the prevalence of the soul destroying vice of intemperance. We do not by any means wish to insinuate that Paterson was worse in this respect than any of the other great cities of the Diocese, but it will be easily understood that in a city like this where the manufacturing interests are so extensive, requiring the employment of so many men and women, and even boys and girls, and distributing such liberal amounts of money in compensation for labor, the temptations to the abuse of intoxicating drinks are indeed very great. Your earliest efforts, therefore, were directed to the restraint if not the total destruction of the vice of drunkenness in your parish. Hence you were not slow to organize temperance societies, not merely for the older men and women, but also for the young men, and even for boys, and from the very day on which you entered the City of Paterson, up to the present moment, you have never relaxed your energies in the promotion of the cause of temperance, and in checking the ravages of intemperance in your parish. And it is not by means of temperance organizations alone that you have succeeded so well in this noble work, but by your personal exertions in visiting the home of the drunkard, in entering the rumshops even at the dead of night to chase away to their homes the resorters of these places, and to reprimand with the boldness and freedom of the Gospel the keepers of these dangerous haunts. Often have you been seen after a hard day's work on the Lord's Sabbath parading the streets of Paterson as if with police authority, to see whether any of your people were staggering along the sidewalk, after filling themselves with drink, or gathered in the beershops indulging in the noise and riot for which such

places are notorious. In this persevering effort to maintain sobriety and good order you have had the countenance and support not merely of your own people, but of the entire population of Paterson, and for this work you have received from your fellow citizens, without distinction of creed, the esteem and gratitude it has so eminently merited, while your name has become a houseold word in Paterson. Even in times of riot and disorder, when the civil authorities found themselves unable to cope with violence, they did not fail to call upon the pastor of St. John's to co-operate with them in the re-establishment of peace and order.

The very children as you move about the city, without distinction of religion, never fail to recognize their dear Father Mac, and you yourself make it your special delight to stop and salute these children. And if by any chance you passed by without noticing them, even Protestant children would run after your carriage and say, "Father Mac, you know me." Nor did you neglect the young men and the young women of your parish. For the former you provided suitable halls with libraries and reading rooms, and organized them into literary and benevolent societies, where, drawn away from the temptations of the rumshop, and the professional billiard-room, they might have harmless recreation and innocent enjoyment. Many of these young men under your fostering care, and liberal encouragement entered the ranks of the priesthood, and are now edifying the Church in various positions of the Diocese, while others similarly favored, are now fitting themselves for the sacred ministry in the principal seminaries of the Church. The young women you gathered into pious sodalities under the direction of the saintly Sisters, and the patronage of the Immaculate Virgin, thus furnishing them with every safeguard against the numerous temptations to be formed in populous manufacturing cities, and your labors for both classes have been crowned with success, as any one can see, on Sundays in St. John's church; whose altar rails are crowded with those devout young men and women, coming forward to nourish themselves with Christ's life-giving bread. Of these young women, not a few, under your fatherly care, and liberal patronage, have joined themselves to the good Sisters devoting their lives and energies to the teaching of the young and the nursing of the sick.

During the long course of those twenty-five years, with the exception of two brief trips to your native land, you never found the necessity of taking any recreation, but felt it to be your pleasure to increase your labors for your flock. You have worked with the energy of one who truly loves his Divine Master "*Nulla fatigatus labore.*" And your disinterestedness may well claim for you the words of the Apostle, "*Nulli onerosus fui.*" Your patient self-denial, your affability to all, your readiness to listen to the tale of woe, and to relieve the cry of distress, your unflagging zeal in the confessional, your never failing attendance on the sick at the dead of night as cheerfully as at midday, your unwearied earnestness in preaching the word of God, "in season and out of season," holding up to

your people the beauties and happiness of a virtuous life, and denouncing to them the terrible consequences of wickedness and wrongdoing, your ceaseless efforts to prepare your numerous children for the holy sacraments, all this entitles you to the praise and reward of a true apostle of Christ, and has endeared you to the hearts of young and old—“*pueris senibusque carus.*” In the exercise of your sacred ministry you have been ably seconded and encouraged by your bishops, by the lamented Bayley, the zealous and learned Corrigan, and the amiable, scholarly and energetic prelate who now rules the destinies of this diocese. Nor should we omit to mention the material aid which you have received from the many worthy assistant priests that have labored with you,—the indomitable Kirwan, the polished Moran, the lamented Darcy and Cantwell, the self-sacrificing, Thebaud, the gentle Zimmer, the hard working Downes, the zealous Hanly, the laborious McGahan, the eloquent McFaul, the historian Brennan, the courtly Whelan, the genial White and the patriotic Corr, and last but not least the energetic Hickie, most of whom are now filling with distinction the pulpits of flourishing churches. You have won from your fellow priests the highest esteem and love, which they on this occasion endeavor to express however feebly, by the accompanying testimonial. Commemorating to-day your five-and-twentieth year of ordination we earnestly hope and pray that your silver crown may be transmuted into gold on your fiftieth anniversary, and that the next quarter century of your ministry may be characterized by the same fruitfulness in good works which we however imperfectly have endeavored to record of the five and twenty years just ended.

Eternal praise and thanksgiving be to the Great Head of the Church and Chief Shepherd of the Flock, Jesus Christ, who has given you the grace and the strength, the health and the perseverance to pass with so much profit to religion this long period of your ministry. Nor should we fail to thank in your name the people of St. John's Church, who for all this time have never faltered in their fidelity and generosity, always responding with liberal hearts to the numerous calls made upon them for religion, education and charity. Well may we conclude with the poet:

“Non usitato congregimur modo  
His in jugosis atque sacris locis  
Hasque inter umbras hospitales  
Insolitum celebrare festum.”

This address had been handsomely engrossed in an elegant album with purple velvet binding and silver mountings. It contains a sketch of the life of the venerable Father and as a literary composition possesses a great deal of merit. We publish it in full, as a great many of our readers will undoubtedly be glad to keep a copy of it.

[*New York Herald*, Aug. 8th, 1882.]

*FATHER McNULTY'S JUBILEE.*

CELEBRATING THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION AS A  
PRIEST—A BRILLIANT CLERICAL GATHERING.

A large portion of the Catholic clergy of this part of the country assembled yesterday in St. John's Church, Paterson, N. J., to take part in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Fater McNulty, the pastor of St. John's Catholic Church. Among those present were Archbishop Corrigan, of this city; Bishop Wigger, of the Newark diocese; Bishop Fitzgerald, of the Little Rock diocese; Mgr. Doane, of the Newark diocese, and a number of other distinguished prelates. Solemn high mass was celebrated in St John's Church, Father McNulty being the celebrant. The choir, composed of talent from this city and from Paterson, sang Giorza's mass with selections from Nicolai, after which the TeDeum was chanted in the Gregorian chant, the clergy alternating with the choir. The church was crowded with people who had come from various parts of the country.

After the religious services of the day the clergy repaired to the residence of the Rev. Father McNulty, where the numerous presents were displayed on a table. In addition to those mentioned in yesterday's *Herald* were a number of others, presented by friends of the venerable father, and a large ostensorium of gold and silver presented to their beloved pastor by the people of the congregation. The Rev. Father Thebaud, of St. John's College, Fordham, who recently celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his ordination as a priest, took a prominent part in the services of the day. Clergymen from various parts of the country continued arriving through the morning until at dinner the residence of Father McNulty was crowded with distinguished clergymen of the Catholic Faith.

When dinner was over all present assembled in the parlor of the residence, and Father Hennessey, of Jersey City, in an elaborate address, reviewed Father McNulty's life and labors, to which the worthy pastor made a fitting response. The address not only told of the life of the priest, but also reviewed the history of the Catholic Church in Paterson, which was in its infancy when Father McNulty came to Paterson, and which he spent nineteen years of his life in building up. Father McNulty was born in Ballyshannon, Ireland, and came to New York in 1850. He at once entered the college of the Jesuits at Fordham, and after graduating there went to Mount St. Mary's, Emmettsburg, Md. He was ordained by the late Archbishop Bayley and did his first ecclesiastical work in the diocese of Newark, laboring among the missions of Morris county, having charge of the churches of Madison, Basking Ridge and neighboring stations. At that time the present Bishop of Rochester was conducting the college of Seton Hall, and Father McNulty was called to act as vice president under him.

HIS WORK AT SETON HALL.

A great deal of the success of this far-famed educational institution may be traced back to the labors of Father McNulty. In 1863 the church of St. John the Baptist in Paterson was without a pastor, and although the worthy father had already before this time done considerable work in this congregation it was in 1863 that he was appointed the pastor of the church. He soon found that the building belonging to this congregation was not capable of holding the many Catholics who flocked to it, and in 1865 he purchased the present site of St. John's Church. After five years of hard labor, at times even superintending and assisting the workmen in the quarry whence the stone for the new church was taken, Father McNulty completed the present building at a cost of over \$200,000. In 1868 Father McNulty purchased a large plot of ground on the banks of the Passaic, northwest of Paterson, and there started the large Cemetery of the Holy Sepulchre, one of the most beautiful burying grounds in New Jersey. Shortly after the cemetery had been dedicated to the burial of the bodies of the faithful, Father McNulty erected St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum on a portion of the tract. In 1870 St. John's Church was found to be too small for all the Catholics of the city of Paterson, and Father McNulty purchased a tract of land on Broadway and erected St. Joseph's Church at a cost of \$30,000. In 1869 the industrious father was principally instrumental in the erection of the Hospital of the Sisters of Charity, situated in the southern extremity of the city, thus supplying not only a hospital for the sick poor of every denomination, but also a chapel of worship for the residents in that part of the city. In 1873 the Franciscan Fathers were driven from Germany by Bismarck, and a number of them came to Paterson and placed themselves under the protection of the champion of the Catholic faith, Father McNulty. He obtained permission from the Bishop for these fathers to settle down in Paterson and aided them materially in erecting their monastery and church on Stony road, the western extremity of the city.

Father "Mac," as he is popularly known in Paterson, also distinguished himself as a temperance advocate. He is likewise the founder of a great many of the religious societies at present in existence in Paterson, and in many of whom he holds the position of president.

Father Hennessey's address has been engrossed in a handsome album, and as the orator concluded it was presented to Father McNulty. The clergy nearly all remained the entire day as guests of Father McNulty, and the afternoon was spent in a mutual interchange of ideas in the most brilliant clerical circle that ever gathered in the city of Paterson.

[*Paterson Daily Press*, Aug. 8th, 1882.]

### CRUMBS FROM THE BANQUET.

THE CONCLUSION OF FATHER McNULTY'S SILVER JUBILEE—SOME MINOR DETAILS IN RELATION TO THE CELEBRATION—MORE PRESENTS, SPEECHES, ETC., ETC.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. William McNulty was the greatest event that has taken place in the Catholic churches in this city for a long time. Those who were present in the church yesterday speak of the ceremonies as most imposing and of a character to suit everybody. Great credit is due to Rev. Father Hickie, the efficient master of ceremonies, who seemed to be everywhere and whose admirable arrangement of all the details of the celebration was highly spoken of by all. Those who imagined that the services yesterday were a duplicate of the services of the previous day were greatly mistaken, for the personnel of the celebrants was changed considerably and the number of distinguished prelates and clergy present was greater than on Sunday. It is doubtful whether a more brilliant assemblage of clergymen was ever seen in Paterson. Father McNulty himself celebrated high mass and Father Cody of Newark and Father Kirwin of Hackensack acted respectively as deacon and sub-deacon. Bishop Wigger, of this Diocese, occupied the throne in full pontifical robes with Father Thomas M. Killeen, of Bergen Point, as assistant priest and Rev. Pierce McCarthy, of East Newark, and Rev. N. Hens, of Paterson, as deacons of honor.

Archbishop Corrigan of New York was present and was assisted by Father McGahan as chaplain. Bishop Fitzgerald of Little Rock, Arkansas, took a prominent part in the ceremonies, assisted by Dr. Larkin of Mount St. Mary's, Emmettsburg, Md., as chaplain.

Very Rev. Mgr. Doane occupied a position on the left of Bishop Wigger's throne. The other clergymen present occupied sanctuary chairs. The Master of Ceremonies was Rev. M. J. Hickie, formerly of Brooklyn but at present associated with Father McNulty in the care of St. John's parish in this city. He was assisted by Fathers Downs and Sheppard of the Newark Cathedral as assistant Masters of Ceremonies. At the conclusion of the mass Bishop Wigger gave the episcopal benediction from the throne and the ceremonies were concluded by the chanting of the TeDeum in the Gregorian chant. Father McNulty and all the clergy present expressed themselves as highly pleased with the arrangement of the ceremonies.

After dinner the address published in yesterday's *PRESS* was delivered by Father Hennessey of Jersey City, as already stated, and took Father McNulty rather by surprise. At first he did not know what to say, as the detail with which the author of the address had entered into the life and work of Father McNulty completely surprised him. His native wit, however, came to his rescue and served him to overcome the first embarrass-

ment. He said that he often heard about a system of espionage which some people declare exists in the Catholic Church. From his long connection with the church he thought he was able to judge of such matters, and he had never dreamed that there was any truth in the charge until he became firmly convinced of the opposite by the address. His life had been pictured in such minute detail that he had come to the conclusion that there must be an ecclesiastical detective force in the Catholic Church of which he had had no idea. These remarks of Father McNulty were received with laughter. Father McNulty then proceeded to thank the assembled clergy for the great honor they had done him, and assured them that the present celebration would serve only as an incentive for him to redouble his energy and his labors. Speeches were then made by Bishop Wigger, Archbishop Corrigan, Bishop Fitzgerald, Mgr. Doane and Fathers Killeen, Kirwin and MacCarthy. The remarks were not of the usual post prandial character, an interchange of compliments, but the spirit that seemed to underlie them all was that the grandeur of the celebration would act as an incentive to the clergy and in more ways than one assist the propagation of the Catholic faith.

During the day a number of other presents arrived for Father McNulty, consisting of checks and cash from various parties and an elegant solid gold receptacle for the host which a priest carries with him when visiting the sick. The latter was a present from the Catholic publishing house of F. Pustet. In addition to these came hosts of telegrams from various parts of the country expressing the congratulations of the senders and their regret at their inability to attend. Letters were received from various sources, and this morning the mail brought Father McNulty a whole basket full of letters from friends and admirers who were prevented from being present at the celebration and who took this means of congratulating the worthy priest.

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## CONGRATULATORY LETTERS, ETC.

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The following CONGRATULATORY LETTERS from the Right Rev., the Very Rev. and Reverend clergy, some of which are re-produced in full, others only in part, scarcely need any comment from us. Their earnest, unequivocal, dignified tone tells as powerfully and eloquently as language can, of the high esteem in which Father McNulty is justly held by his eccle-

siastical superiors and equals. Many other letters similar to these have been either destroyed or hopelessly mislaid, which accounts for their non-appearance here.

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From the

Right Rev. W. M. WIGGER, D. D., Bishop of Newark.

*Dear Father McNulty.*—

Please excuse me for delaying so long to answer your two last letters; I have been very busy during the last few weeks.

I thankfully accept your very kind invitation to dine with you next Aug. 7th, and I cordially congratulate you in advance on the SILVER JUBILEE which you will celebrate on that occasion, at the same time expressing the sincere wish that you may live long enough to celebrate your Golden Jubilee. Hoping that you are well, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

W. M. WIGGER.

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From the

Right Rev. MICHAEL A. CORRIGAN, D. D., Archbishop of New York.

*Rev. Dear Father McNulty.*—

While thanking you for your kind invitation to the Silver Jubilee of your Priesthood, I write to say that, please God, I will be present on that occasion, so rare and so beautiful, to unite with you and your numerous friends in blessing the Almighty for the many graces of the past five and twenty years, and in praying for their continuance *ad multos annos*.

Meanwhile commending myself very humbly to your prayers, I am, Dear Father McNulty, faithfully yours in Christ,

M. A. CORRIGAN.

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From the

Right Rev. BERNARD J McQUAID, D. D., Bishop of Rochester.

*Dear Father McNulty.*—

After offering my sincerest congratulations on the happy and successful completion of your twenty-five years of priesthood, I have to express my regrets at not being able to be present at the grand cele-



bration to testify publicly my esteem for yourself and my hearty approval of your priestly career.

It so happens that I am engaged to be at St. Alphonsus' Church, Auburn, to join with the congregation in their patronal feast and administer confirmation. On Monday, Aug. 7, I have appointments at Groton and McLean to administer confirmation. At first I thought of putting off all, in order to go to Paterson, but found it would cause too much inconvenience. Had I only thought of your anniversary two or three weeks sooner, there would have been no difficulty in the way.

How glad I would have been to have lent any little aid my presence might give to the joyous and honored celebration of your Silver Jubilee.

After receiving your letter I wrote to Father Cody as one of the committee of priests, to let my name be joined with the old priests of New Jersey, as one of themselves, in honoring you, inclosing my mite, to give me the right to be with them.

On Sunday you will hold second place in my Mass, and on Monday my Mass will be that God may continue to bless you and your good works and give you many years of health and strength. If not with you in person, you may rest assured that I shall be with you in spirit.

Very Sincerely in Christ,

BERNARD J. MCQUAID, Bishop of Rochester.

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From the

Right Rev. EDWARD FITZGERALD, D. D., Bishop of Little Rock.

*My Dear Father McNulty.*—

Your very welcome letter of invitation to your Silver Jubilee has just reached me. It will afford me rare pleasure to be with you (so please God I shall be) on such an auspicious day. If my voice and presence can add aught of honor to your grand priestly career, or testify to the unfailing friendship of our happy college days, I shall be amply recompensed for the fatigue and inconvenience of a trip to Paterson.

Hoping to find you well and praying God to bless you and continue you in His holy work—*ad multos annos*.—I am,

Yours very sincerely,

EDWARD FITZGERALD.

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From the

Right Rev. JOHN KEANE, D. D., Bishop of Richmond.

*Dear Father McNulty.*—

It would give me great pleasure to add anything in my power to the celebration of your Jubilee. But recent events in the Diocese ren-

der it very unlikely that I will be able to go North this Summer at all. I can only therefore offer you in this way my congratulations and good wishes which I do most cordially.

Yours truly in Christ,

JOHN J. KEANE.

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From the

Right Rev. MGR SEATON, D. D.

*Rev. Dear Sir.*—

I have received your kind invitation to be present on the auspicious occasion of your Silver Jubilee, and would be glad to be able to meet you on that day and join the distinguished concourse of clergymen expected.

Not to be too formal, which might seem affected as between us, I ask you to accept my sincere congratulations by letter in case, particularly, that I should not be able to offer them in person.

Yours truly in Christ,

ROBERT SETON, D.D.

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From the

Right Rev. MGR DOANE, D. D., Cathedral, Newark.

*My Dear Father McNulty.*—

I have just received your invitation, and shall hope to be one of your many brethren to keep your Silver Jubilee with you on the 7th of August.

Believe me to be, &c.,

Very truly yours,

G. W. DOANE.

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From the

Rev. Father JOHN McNULTY, Donegal, Co. Ireland.

*Dear Uncle.*—

As I have not had time to procure some more substantial recognition of your Silver Jubilee, please accept the enclosed pix cover. I was not thinking of your Jubilee not having heard of the exact date of your Ordination. I was always under the impression that American priests were ordained at Pentecost. *Ad multos annos.*

Your affectionate nephew,

JOHN.

From the

Very Rev. FATHER CORRIGAN, President of Seton Hall College.

*Dear Father McNulty.*—

I delayed acknowledging your kind invitation to the celebration of your Silver Jubilee until I had received the Missal, which my brother, the Archbishop, desires to offer to you through me.

I would now beg you to accept my felicitations on your twenty-fifth year of priesthood, with wishes of best blessings for many years to come. I hope to be with you on August 7.

Very sincerely yours,

The Rev. William McNulty.

JAMES H. CORRIGAN.

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NEW YORK, July 31st, 1882.

REV. W. McNULTY, *Rev. Dear Friend.*—

When your kind invitation arrived I was in a country parish of the Diocese, and it was very likely that I should remain there until September. In that case it would have been impossible for me to be with you on the 7th of August. For this reason I delayed answering you. But fortunately I was recalled to New York the day before yesterday, and if it is not too hot for me to poke my nose out of the house, I intend to congratulate you personally on that twenty-fifth anniversary of your Ordination. Be sure that it will be a great pleasure for me; and I hope that in twenty-five years more you will have another great day, in which, however, I will not participate except from heaven, if God receives me. I will not fail meanwhile to beg of Him to continue to keep you in the way you have followed so far. A good priest is sure of a high reward after his life of sacrifice is over. Believe me, Dear Friend,

Yours in Christ,

AUG. J. THEBAUD, S. J.

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NEWARK, July 24th, 1882.

*My Dear Father McNulty.*—

Your very kind invitation to your *Silver Jubilee* has been received. I accept it with great pleasure and shall not fail to be present.

Hoping you are well, I remain, Yours as usual,

PATRICK LEONARD.

Passaic, N. J., Aug. 4, 1882.

*Dear Father McNulty.*—

I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your kind invitation to be present at your Silver Jubilee, and regret exceedingly not being able to be with you on that joyful occasion, on account of being from home under medical treatment. Please accept in advance my most sincere congratulations and good wishes for your health and happiness. That you may live to see your Golden Jubilee is the earnest prayer of

Your sincere friend,

L. SCHNEIDER.

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Jersey City, N. J., July 26th, 1882.

*Rev. and Dear Father McNulty.*—

Accept my thanks for your kind invitation to be present at the celebration of an important stage of your priestly life. It is consoling to find one who after laboring so hard and long shows so little the ravages of time and work, and so much for the good of religion and society.

Hoping to be present on this occasion and on the Golden Jubilee too, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

P. E. SMYTH.

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South Orange, July 14, 1882.

*Dear Father Killeen.*—

Your circular has just come to hand. I hurry to manifest my sincere pleasure at the idea that has actuated you in giving to the most worthy Father McNulty a testimonial by which the old *troupiers* will show their esteem for a fellow *grenadier de la garde*. The circumstances in which I am just now situated does not allow me to do much, not one-tenth of what I would wish to do. But I assure it is done with a heart full of good will. Enclosed find a check for \$10.00.

Believe me, as ever,

Your true friend,

J. F. SALAUN.

PATERSON, Aug. 23, 1882.

*Rev. Dear Sir:—*

I hasten to take the first spare moment on my return home after an absence of several weeks, to acknowledge the receipt of your invitation for the 25th anniversary of your Ordination.

It gives me sincere pleasure to offer you my heartfelt congratulations, and to express the hope that God will grant you many years in addition to those already spent so faithfully in His holy service.

Very respectfully,

S. B. SMITH.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.

*Dear Father McNulty.—*

I feel disappointed that I cannot be at your party of rejoicing on the occasion of your Silver Jubilee. The Annual Retreat for the clergy of Brooklyn, commences on the seventh inst., hence it only remains for me to wish you great pleasure and joy in the Feast.

I am, yours very gratefully and respectfully,

F. O'BOYLE.

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ST. PETER'S COLLEGE, JERSEY CITY, August 6th, 1882.

*Dear Rev. Father McNulty.—*

Allow me to present you my warmest congratulations on the celebration of your Silver Jubilee. It is my sincere wish that you may live to celebrate your Golden one.

I regret that I cannot have the pleasure of presenting my congratulations in person; but circumstances will not permit it. Pretty near all our Fathers, or at least many of them, are either on retreat or conducting one, and for this reason many parochial duties devolve on me. And these I have to attend to.

Trusting you will excuse my absence to-morrow, at the same time wishing you the fullness of Christian joy, I am, Dear Rev. Father McNulty, Your Humble Assistant,

JOHN M. MCQUAID, S. J.

The following clergymen were formerly attached to St. John's Church, Paterson, under the present Rector :

HACKENSACK, N. J. July 22dn, 1882.

*Dear Father McNulty.*—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 20th inst. inviting me to be present at your Silver Jubilee celebration.

It will afford me great pleasure to be at your service on the 7th prox. ; and to accept any position assigned to me through your kindness on that eventful occasion.—Wishing you many years of happiness,

Yours respectfully,  
M. J. KIRWAN.

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BOONTON, N. J., July 20, 1882.

*Dear Father Killeen:*—

Enclosed please find P. O. Order for twenty-five dollars towards Testimonial of Father's McNulty's faithful twenty-five years' service. I wish I could give more to express my admiration for my old Pastor of nine years ago.

May God grant us all to see his Golden Jubilee.

Truly yours in Christ,  
P. T. DOWNES.

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PRINCETON, N. J., July 22d, 1882.

*Dear Father McNulty:*—

Please accept my thanks for the invitation to participate in the celebration of your Silver Jubilee on the seventh of August. As you deserve every mark of esteem and affection it is but meet and just, that all your friends and acquaintances, clergy and laity, should be with you on that happy occasion. Fervently praying that it may be to you, also the source of an increase of God's grace.

I remain very respectfully,  
T. R. MORAN.

ELIZABETH, N. J., July 29, 1882.

*Dear Father McNulty.*—

I will be on hand for the celebration without fail. You will please excuse me from taking any part in the ceremony save that of spectator. I am no longer fit for ceremonies on account of infirmity which makes me too awkward. I do not think you need to be assured that good will is not wanting. God willing you will live to celebrate the Golden Jubilee.

Truly yours,  
L. THEBAUD.

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TRENTON, N. J., July 21st, 1882.

*Rev. and Dear Sir.*—

Your very kind note of invitation to be present at the celebration of your Silver Jubilee, on Aug. 7th has been received.

Accept my sincere thanks for the honor thus conferred upon me, and be assured that I shall be present to wish you a thousand blessings and to pray that you may live to celebrate your Golden Jubilee.

The Rev. Wm. McNulty.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES A. McFAUL.

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ELIZABETHPORT, July 21st, 1882.

*Dear Father McNulty.*—

I accept with very great pleasure, and many thanks, your kind invitation to be present at your Silver Jubilee. I shall be with you on both days—the sixth and seventh.

Rev. Wm. McNulty.

Yours very sincerely,  
F. P. WHELAN.

TELEGRAMS from the Rev. Fathers Burke, Preith and Rossiter, who were expected up to the last moment, explain the absence of these gentlemen.

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Aug. 7th.

Accept the congratulations of one who is deeply interested, but unavoidably detained.

R. E. BURKE.

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Aug. 7.

To Rev. S. McNulty.

Fully intended to be present at your grand festival. Accept my warmest congratulations.

T. PRIETH.

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PITTSBURG, Aug. 7.

To Rev. W. McNulty,

*Ad multos annos.*

ALPHONSIUS ROSSITER.

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We regret being compelled (for uniformity's sake) to publish without that artistic finish and beautiful ornamentation which characterize the originals the following from Father McNulty's friends in religion—the devoted “Sisters”:

*Rev. Dear Father.—*

I crave your pardon for not having acknowledged before this your kind note and courteous invitation. I was on “Retreat” at the time I received them, hence I trust you will kindly excuse the delay.

As it will be impossible for me to congratulate you personally permit me now (whilst thanking God for the many graces He has bestowed upon you during the past twenty-five years) to ask for a continuation of the same and to beg of Him to make you every day more and more a priest according to His Divine Heart.



We will offer Holy Communion for you and will pray that God may bestow upon you every spiritual and temporal blessing here, and one eternal glorious jubilee in Heaven.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
MOTHER M. XAVIER.

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ST. MARY'S ACADEMY, NEWARK, Aug. 5th, 1882.

*Dear Father.*—

Permit me in union with all the other sisters to join with your many friends in offering you our most sincere congratulations on this the 25th anniversary of your elevation to the great dignity of the priesthood. The past quarter of a century has not been without its share of the harvest. Truly you have much cause to rejoice on this eventful day, as you think of how much good, with the grace of God, you have been able to accomplish, by your charity, zeal and great patience. How solicitous for the repentance of the poor sinner! How tender and consoling to the afflicted! How fatherly to the orphan! Deeds well worthy of a priest and which must be recorded to your credit in the Great Book of Eternal life. Truly should you rejoice and feel happy to-day!

May you dear Rev. Father be the recipient of special blessings and choicest graces on this glorious anniversary, to aid you in the continuance of the faithful discharge of your many onerous duties.

Praying that you may live (D. V.) to celebrate your Golden Jubilee with renewed ardor and zeal in the loved service of God and asking for a remembrance in your prayers.—I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

SISTER MARY CATHERINE,

Rev. William McNulty. St. Mary-Academy, Newark, Aug. 5th, 1882.

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SACRED HEART, 46th West 17th St., New York.

*Rev. and Dear Father.*—

Your kind letter enclosing invitation has just been given me by Mere Fowler. I told her what it was and she sends her congratulations—you being known to her by reputation. If it were God's will, the desire of my heart would be to kneel before the altar in your church on the joyous day of your Silver Jubilee. But though separated from you by many miles—I shall at that time be at Eden Hall—still we shall be together—shall we not; in the heart of the great God of Love? You will pray for me that I may correspond to the inestimable grace He

hath vouchsafed in calling me to his service, and I—notwithstanding my unworthiness—will throw myself at His feet to beseech Him to take such entire possession of your heart on that day, that nothing may draw it away from Him for a simple instant. Accept them, Dear Father, the warm wishes and love in the Heart of Jesus of your unworthy child,

J. C. ROSSITER.

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ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, August 6th, 1882.

*Rev. Dear Father.*—

May you live to celebrate your Golden Jubilee is the sincere wish of your grateful and devoted

SISTERS OF CHARITY.

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The following letters are from the laity :

PATERSON, N. Y., Aug. 1882.

*Rev. Dear Father McNulty* :—

Please accept this small offering on the occasion of your Silver Jubilee, as a token of the sincere respect and esteem in which you are held by

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH.

Accompanying the above letter was a purse of over six hundred dollars, which Father McNulty devoted to the purchase of a splendid new carpet for the sanctuary of St. John's Church, an Ostensorium, and other useful articles for church purposes.

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BALLYSHANNON, IRELAND, Aug. 4th, 1882.

*Dear Rev. Father McNulty.*—

I feel both gratified and highly complimented at your remembrance of me on this solemn occasion of your Silver Jubilee. Certainly it is through the kindness of your own heart that you deem me deserving of being among the number of the select few at such a time. For favors received I owe you much—much that cannot, will not ever be forgotten, yet I fear I am far more wanting in proofs of gratitude than you seem inclined to remember. But all my thoughts will be with

you next Sunday. Had I some magic wand gladly would I be amongst the number of the devoted hearts that will throng your church on that glorious Transfiguration day—fitting day for such a happy celebration.

With warmest wishes for your continued good health, and success in your holy ministry, I remain, Gratefully and Respectfully,

SYDNEY A. SHIEL.

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The following from E. Boudinot Colt, Esq., Governor S. U. M., a protestant gentleman, aptly expresses the esteem in which Father McNulty is held by those who differ from him in religion :

PATERSON, Aug. 1st, 1882.

*Reverend Father.*—

Allow me to offer to you my congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Ordination to your sacred office, and to hope that you may be spared many years to continue the works of usefulness and piety which your fellow citizens so well know of and appreciate.

I am, Very Sincerely Your Friend,

E. BOUDINOT COLT.

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If the following letters (three from Paterson young men studying abroad and one from the poor little Orphans) were not so telling, we would desire to add a word of explanation, as it is we produce them without comment.

NORTH EAST, Aug. 4th, 1882.

*My Very Rev. Dear Father* :—

Permit me to extend to you my sincere congratulations on the happy anniversary of your Ordination to the holy priesthood. When I recall your unceasing labors for so many years I am filled with gratitude to God for having placed over us so devoted a father and so wise a counsellor. In you we have always found a model of christian charity and benovelence, who never hesitated to reprimand us when our welfare required it, or to encourage us to walk in the path of virtue. To you dear father we owe a love that words cannot describe but from our innermost soul we unceasingly ask God to protect you and grant you every grace to manifest in the future the same zeal for the salvation of poor sin-

ful souls. How happy you must be to see so many of your children endeavoring to follow in the footsteps of the great St. Alphonsus, and and what a consolation to know that it is the fruit of your untiring zeal in behalf of Catholic youth. May we dear father be to you by our exemplary lives a source of the greatest consolation. Hoping God will spare you to celebrate your Golden Jubilee.

I remain your dear child in Christ,

WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN.

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Novitiate of the Fathers of the Holy Cross,

COTE DES NEIGES, August 4, 1882.

*My Rev. and Dear Father.—*

I have just received your very welcome letter of invitation to your Silver Jubilee. I regret very much that circumstances render it impossible for me to come to Paterson this vacation. I am much pleased to learn that you intend visiting this country soon. I need not assure you that it will be a great treat for me to see you, and our Very Rev. Fr. Provincial requests me in his behalf to cordially invite you to come and stop at the Provincial House.

Hoping that you may have a very pleasant time at your Silver Jubilee and that you may yet celebrate your golden one also, I remain,

Your devoted son in J. M. J.,

H. R. WHITE, C. S. C.

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MONTREAL, August 3, 1882.

*Rev. and Dear Father.—*

I heard from Mr. White that you are about to celebrate your Silver Jubilee, and for the same happiness permitted to you I beg leave to send you my most humble and sincere congratulations, hoping at the same time that God will allow you to celebrate a Golden one. I will now conclude by wishing you health and happiness for many years to come, and by thanking you for past kind favors.

Humbly yours in Christ,

EDWARD DOYLE.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHAN ASYLUM, Aug. 6th, 1882.

*Rev. and Dear Father.*—

As to-day is the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Ordination to the Holy Priesthood, we hasten to congratulate you a thousand times on that happy event, which gave to us a good father and a kind protector.

Would that it were in our power to make you feel happier to-day than you ever did before, but as no earthly offering that we could make, would be worthy of your exalted dignity, we will ask our dear Lord during the Holy Mass to give you a large share of the blessings He bestowed on His chosen Apostles, on this glorious Transfiguration Day.

And now dear Father please accept the accompanying offering as a little token of our heartfelt gratitude on this your Silver Jubilee.

Trusting you will live to celebrate your Golden Jubilee and many, many years longer even, is the sincere wish of

Your Faithful Children,

YOUR LITTLE ORPHANS.

Through the kindness of their friends, the Orphans were enabled to make a presentation of a handsome silver soup tureen.

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A handsome basket of rare and costly flowers accompanied the following card :

To our dear Pastor and Director, with loving congratulations.

ST. JOHN'S S. S. TEACHERS.

The following is a complete list of the Right Rev. and Rev. Clergy who participated in the religious services of the 7th of August, and afterwards sat down to dinner with their honored host—Father McNulty—in the parlors of the parochial residence :

Rt. Rev. W. M. WIGGER,  
Most Rev. M. A. CORRIGAN,  
Rt. Rev. EDWARD FITZGERALD,  
Rt. Rev. G. H. DOANE,  
Rev. AUG. J. THEBAUD, S. J.  
Rev. ISADORE DAUBRESSE, S. J.  
Rev. JOHN A. KELLY,  
Rev. THOMAS M. KILLEEN,  
Rev. PATRICK CODY,  
Rev. PATRICK HENNESSY,  
Rev. JAMES H. CORRIGAN,  
Rev. PATRICK LEONARD,  
Rev. M. J. KIRWAN,  
Rev. PIERCE MCCARTHY,  
Rev. L. G. THEBAUD,  
Rev. MARTIN GESNER,  
Rev. THEODORE McDONALD, O. C.  
Rev. F. FEEHAN, O. C.  
Rev. AUGUSTUS BRADY,

Rev. P. F. DOWNES,  
Rev. NICHOLAS HENS,  
Rev. LOUIS GAMBOSVILLE,  
Rev. JAMES F. SALAUN,  
Rev. JOHN P. MORRIS,  
Rev. DENIS MCCARTIE,  
Rev. JAMES CURRAN,  
Rev. PATRICK J. MCGAHAN,  
Rev. ISAAC P. WHELAN,  
Rev. DANIEL MCCARTHY,  
Rev. MICHAEL J. WHITE,  
Rev. PATRICK CORR,  
Rev. MICHAEL J. HICKIE,  
Rev. DR. LARKIN,  
Rev. DAVID B. WALKER, S. J.  
Rev. JOHN J. SHEPPARD,  
Rev. MICHAEL A. McMANUS,  
Rev. FERDINAND MULLER, O. S. F.  
Rev. HUGH MURPHY.

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THE END.

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THOMAS M. KILLEEN,  
PATRICK CODY,  
PATRICK HENNESSY.