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President Kennedy Assassinated; Buried in Arlington Yesterday

President of PC Eulogizes President

(The following is the eulogy for President Kennedy which was delivered by the Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., President of the College, at yesterday's requiem Mass in Alumni Hall.)

On this sad day in our Nation's history, you are assembled to assist me in offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in Solemn Requiem, for the repose of the soul of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States.

Providence College mourns with deepest sorrow the death by an assassin's bullets of our Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States, on Friday, November twenty-second.

Our martyred president was a courageous leader of our people who ennobled our Nation as a virtuous individual; as a devout man who loved his family; and as a scholar, author and world statesman of high ideals, lofty aspirations, and noble deeds.

He ennobled our Nation and the world by his constant adherence to the principles of liberty, justice, and equality and their application to all men and nations.

May the blood of his martyrdom on the altar of patriotism be the seed from which will spring a greater universal understanding, a higher moral social order, and wider horizons and brighter frontiers of peace and justice and freedom throughout the world.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was indeed one of God's great noblemen. May his memory ever be held in benediction and may his immortal soul rest in peace.

As we bow our heads in sorrow, let us lift up our hearts to the glory of the Resurrection and ask Almighty God to sustain and comfort in their great loss — his young widowed wife, his little children, his parents, and their entire family. Let us also include in our prayers the family of the valiant Dallas police officer who lost his life in dedication to his line of duty on that tragic day.

With our fellow Americans and with all men and Nations of good will throughout the world we unite through prayerful petition and supplication to Almighty God that he may bless our new president Lyndon B. Johnson and grant him health and strength and wisdom to bear the heavy burdens placed upon him and to carry forward under God and with God's help and grace, the destiny of our beloved America.



John Fitzgerald Kennedy
1917 - 1963

MEMO FROM THE EDITOR:

America's light of liberty to the world shone, and it was extinguished. The symbol of freedom to the nation and the peoples of the world was, and then it was no more. John Fitzgerald Kennedy, our President, had been taken from us.

Unbelieving, we sat before our radios and televisions and hoped against hope that what we had heard was no more than a terrible dream. Could this man, so universally respected and loved, have been so suddenly and cruelly removed from our midst?

Words failed us as we sat stunned and incredulous. This, we said, could not have happened here, today!!

Difficult indeed is it for me, as it is for so many, to find words to express so great a loss. The loss is not so great, so shocking, so unbelievable, because A man died. Neither is it such because A President died. Rather, it is because THIS man, THIS President died.

The spirit of our late President is such that it will not soon fade. For, President Kennedy was, in death as in life, so much a part of our generation, so much a part of us.

FRANK DEVLIN

Nation and World Greatly Saddened; PC Mourns Loss

Following a pontifical requiem Mass offered by His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, in St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D. C., the casket containing the body of John Fitzgerald Kennedy was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The President was assassinated last Friday afternoon in Dallas, Texas, during a motorcade through the downtown area of that city. He succumbed to his wounds within an hour of being shot.

The alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, was murdered on Sunday by a Dallas nightclub owner, Jack Rubenstein, while the Dallas police were transferring him to another jail.

While the casket lay on a catafalque in the East Room of the White House during Saturday, two priests knelt beside it in silent prayer. Earlier in the day, Mass had been offered in the East Room for the family and close friends of the President.

From Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. until yesterday morning at 10 a.m., over one hundred thousand people filed through the Rotunda of the Capitol to view the casket placed on the Lincoln Catafalque.

At times, the line of people waiting to enter the Capitol and view the solemn scene extended over a thirty-block long area. Those waiting in the chill Washington air on Sunday evening were numbered at approximately 300,000.

At Providence College, the students began their weekend-long observance of the President's assassination with an all-night vigil in the Chapel of Aquinas Hall on Friday.

Starting at 10 p.m. on that evening, members of the PC student community said the rosary continuously through the night until 7 a.m. on Saturday morning when Mass was then offered for the repose of President Kennedy's soul. Masses were also offered at 8 and 10 a.m.

Yesterday morning at 9:30 a.m., a solemn high requiem Mass was offered for the late Chief Executive in Alumni Hall. The celebrant of the Mass was the Very Rev. Vincent C. Dore, O.P., President of the College. Following the Gospel, Father Dore delivered a eulogy for the assassinated President.



President Kennedy
1961 - 1963