



City of Cambridge

In City Council

April 14, 1925.

WHEREAS:

The City Council has been officially notified by His Honor the Mayor of the death on April 7th of the Reverend John J. Ryan, Permanent Rector of St. Paul's Church and a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, the City Council would respond to the recommendation that suitable action be taken as a tribute of respect to his memory.

Reverend John J. Ryan, at the time of his death, was one of our most prominent and respected citizens. He was born in Roxbury sixty-two years ago and received his early education in the public schools of that district. He entered Boston College, graduating with the class of 1885, after which he spent four years at St. John's Seminary, Brighton. His first appointment, after ordination, was to St. Paul's and he enjoyed the unique distinction of serving his entire ecclesiastic life in this parish. After the death of the Reverend William Orr he became Pastor and, as a result of his activities, one of the most beautiful churches in the country now stands, a monument to his devotion and zeal.

His spiritual duties were ever pressing and, particularly so during the past few years while building the magnificent St. Paul's, yet he found time to serve as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners and gave freely of his talents for the benefit of the youth of the city. His influence, his wishes, his hopes were for the well-being of the city.

The positive, aggressive note, in an aggressive nature, was illumined with a strong and ready sense of humor and the apt, critical



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bent of his mind was tempered with justice and suffused with a kindly glow of toleration and sympathy for human frailties.

Father Ryan has passed from earth after a long life of usefulness devoted to God and Country.

RESOLVED:

That the City Council of Cambridge hereby expresses its tender regard for the memory of Reverend John J. Ryan. Mindful of the many conspicuous merits which adorned his character and which commended him to our respect and esteem, the City Council hereby recognizes the public loss our city has sustained. May his life among us be held in kind remembrance.

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*Adopted unanimously by
a Rising Vote*

Fredrick H. Clarke
City Clerk

Executive Department APR 17 1925

Approved *Edward W. Quinn*
Mayor

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Presented to the Mayor
for approval.

City Clerk.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY HALL - CAMBRIDGE

April 7, 1925.

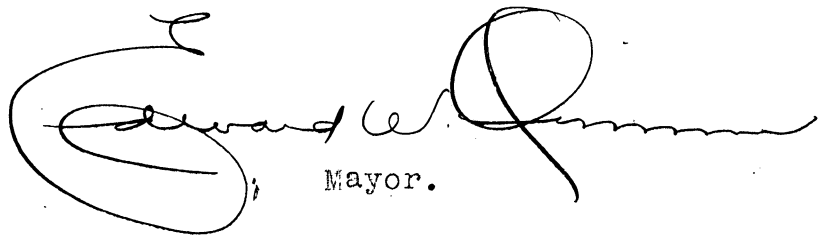
The Honorable, the City Council:

It becomes my sad duty to officially notify you of the death of Rev. John J. Ryan which occurred on this date after a lingering illness. Father Ryan was, at the time of his death and since October, 1922, a member of the Board of Park Commissioners of Cambridge. He has performed his priestly functions in this community for more than thirty-five years, endearing himself to all of our people with whom he mingled regardless of race or creed.

Father Ryan had especially endeared himself to the youth of our city, and he cheerfully welcomed the opportunity to become a member of our Park and Recreation Department, giving freely of his time in the interest of our people.

I feel that in his passing the city has met with a great loss, and I respectfully recommend that suitable action be taken by your Honorable Board as a tribute of respect to his memory, in which action I shall be ready to join.

Respectfully yours,



Mayor.

COMMUNICATION

from the Mayor transmitting
City Council notifying the City
Council of the death of Rev.
Joseph John Ryan

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Special Committee

Shee, Murphy, Conway, Barrett, Robert.

Fredrick W. Bunker

City Clerk

Shee

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Robert

Bunker

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Special

Committee on Resolutions on the Death of
Rev. John J. Ryan

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Reports

Recommending the adoption of the

accompanying resolutions.

Timothy J. Murphy
For the Committee.

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Death of Rep. John J. Ryan

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