

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 31, 1933

To the Honorable, the City Council

I deem it fitting and proper to call attention to the death of Rev. Patrick H. Callanan, beloved Pastor of St. Peter's Church, Cambridge, who died at his home in this city on Sunday, October 29th, and to suggest that fitting tribute be paid to the respect of his memory by the City of Cambridge, in which action I shall respectfully join.

For more than fifty-two years Father Callanan has engaged in the work of the holy priesthood in this vicinity, the last twenty-one years of which were spent at St. Peter's in Cambridge. His splendid service to God and humanity won for him the love and loyalty of all.

In the year 1930 he manifested his interest in the civic affairs of Cambridge in a substantial way by a permanent gift to the city to be used in behalf of those suffering from misfortune and illness at the City Home.

His life amongst us has indeed been an inspiration and we shall long cherish his memory.

Yours respectfully,

Richard M. Rumee
Mayor

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COMMUNICATION

from the Mayor, transmitting
~~on from notice of the death of~~
Rev. Patrick H. Cullanan
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~~Lyons~~
Rourke
Lyon
Foley
Murphy
Hillier

In City Council NOV 3 1983

Referred to Special Committee
President Foley and Councillors
Rourke, Lyon, Murphy & Hillier

Frederick H. Burke City Clerk



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WHEREAS:

Notice has been received by the City Council from His Honor the Mayor of the death of Reverend Patrick H. Callanan, Pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, it is fitting and proper that a record be made of this sad event and that suitable tribute be paid to one who endeared himself to the citizens of our city.

The Reverend Patrick H. Callanan, L.L.D. was a soldier in the service of God for over fifty years. He was born in New York City in 1855, graduated from Boston College in 1877, started on his priestly career at the Church of the Sacred Heart, East Cambridge in 1881 where he remained for three years. After about twenty-five years of service in other sections of Greater Boston he returned to Cambridge as Pastor of St. Peter's Church, in 1912. He began his ecclesiastical duties in Cambridge as a young man, and in Cambridge again at the age of seventy-eight he laid down his burden and passed on to the heavenly reward that surely awaited him. At its meeting of October 31st the City Council adjourned out of respect to his memory.

To properly chronicle the activities of Dr. Callanan would require the services of a biographer of no mean ability. Suffice it to say he was ever in the forefront of any forward looking movement for the benefit of humanity, he always recognized his duty in times of emergency, was prompt and energetic in its performance, and was a source of inspiration to his immediate associates and a power for good in the community.

As an orator of unquestioned ability his voice was ever at



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the disposal of a cause that sought the betterment of his people and his country and was ever ready against a project that would work harm to them. While his eloquence may not be set down in history's pages as is that of Burke or Cicero or Phillips yet the same blood that coursed through the veins of O'Connell gave power to his utterances. He had a voice that sounded the gamut. As did O'Connell he swayed the emotions and appealed to the reason of his audiences with little or no effort.

"As effortless as woodland necks

Send violets up and paint them blue."

RESOLVED:

That the City Council hereby records the loss sustained in the death of Reverend Dr. Patrick H. Callanan and desires that these resolutions be spread upon the records.

In City Council NOV 21 1933

*Adopted unanimously by
a rising vote*

Fredrick M. Burke
City Clerk

Executive Department NOV 23 1933

Approved *Richard L. Russell*
Mayor

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Presented to the Mayor

Frederick H. Burley

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The Special

**Committee on Resolutions on the Death
of Reverend Patrick H.
Callinan**

to which

Reports,

Recommending the adoption of the

accompanying resolutions.

For the Committee.

Francis J. Roche.

REPORT

Special
Committee on *Resolutions*
Death of Rev. Patrick H. Callahan

Nov. 21, 1933