



Bernard J. Quinn Memorial newsletter

First Issue

Dear friends of Msgr. Quinn,

It has been already two months since sixteen of us boarded the van from St. Peter Claver Church and set out to Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury, Long Island, to celebrate a memorial mass on the 52nd anniversary of the death of Msgr. Quinn. I expected about six people at most would be interested in this journey. The intermittent light rain and grey cheerless skies that day of April 7, were enough to keep everyone at home. I was greatly surprised to see so many of you eager to board the van for the cemetery. I am not sure how everyone fitted into the vehicle, especially the buxom ladies who needed more than the usual sitting space.

Arriving at the cemetery, we were ushered into the beautiful chapel and had mass. We were all exhilarated by the celebration at which I read excerpts from Msgr. Quinn's 1922 pastoral letter to his parishioners in which he expressed his love for them even unto shedding his blood. He has left a deep imprint on our hearts by his words and deeds. He thus continues to inspire me to go forward with the research on his life despite my own laziness and the distractions from my ministry and personal life. Mrs. Myrtle Bramwell from St. Fortunata Church highlighted the mass by claiming the intercession of Msgr. Quinn to the miraculous cure of chronic incurable pain and ailment in her feet. She now boasts of walking quite freely without the aid of a cane. After the mass, we visited the grave of Msgr. Quinn where we said prayers and left for the return journey back to Brooklyn, bringing back with us the blessings which we had received from the memorial mass. This was a first which God willing, may grow in the future years.

Please be mindful of the novena masses in this month of June which I will be celebrating in my parish for my own intention of successfully completing the research on Msgr. Quinn's life and also for your own specific intentions. The schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY	June 19th,	at 8:30 AM	SATURDAY	June 27th,	at 8:30 AM
SATURDAY	June 20th,	at 7:30 AM	SUNDAY	June 28th,	at 12:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	June 24th,	at 8:30 AM	MONDAY	June 29th,	at 8:00 AM
THURSDAY	June 25th,	at 8:00 AM	TUESDAY	June 30th,	at 8:30 AM.
*FRIDAY	June 26th,	at 8:00 AM	The Feast Of The Sacred Heart (The Object of Msgr. Quinn's Priestly Devotion)		

Without being present at the masses, you can offer your prayers at the times when the masses are being celebrated. The masses are the usual parish masses so I don't expect anything special about them. Of course I hope our prayers will be answered, God willing, through the intercession of our beloved Msgr. Quinn. I would be happy to hear from you if your prayers are answered. I suppose we do have a task to spread the message of Msgr. Quinn's life as he had written in his pastoral letter of 1922; "Listen then my child and long years from now, hand down to your children this message from a heart that is on fire with love for you."



Above photo is the gathering of pilgrims at Msgr. Quinn's grave on April 7, 1992

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