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Paddy's Father Dies.

"My father was the victim of complications which set in after the removal of a cancerous bladder. We all prayed very hard; many Masses were said for his recovery, but it was not to be. Nevertheless we have not found it too hard to be reconciled.

"Dad led the life of a saint and he died like one. The day before his death he received the Last Sacraments and at the moment of death he tried to make the Sign of the Cross. Mother and my three brothers were at his bedside. And before we were overcome with grief, my mother led us all in saying the prayer she knew Dad was trying to say, namely, the Memorare. Such is the Gift of Faith, Father.

"My brothers have much to be thankful for -- to think that we have been blessed all these years with two such wonderful parents, and now we love, cherish and take care of the one, and pray not only for both of them but to one of them as well.

"Please remember Dad in your prayers, and thanks so much for the wonderful training which I have found so helpful at this trying time." (Paddy McCarthy, '48, St. Louis, Mo.)

Will your sons be able to say the same things about you? The Novena for a Happy Marriage is not directed alone to securing a good girl. One of its chief purposes is to secure grace for you that you will be a good husband and father. "Good" is not really the word; "saintly" is more correct, because the graces of the Sacrament of Matrimony are given for that end, namely, to help you become holy.

This letter of Paddy's gives you an argument against mixed-marriage. It was only because both the father and mother in this family believed in the same truths and prayed in the same way that there were moments of consolation even in death, and there will be moments of consolation even after death, for as Paddy says in his letter, "we pray...to one of them as well."

Say a prayer for Paddy's father ... now.

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Hear About Lourdes Tonight.

The famous Grotto of Lourdes is situated in the diocese of the Most Reverend Pierre Theas, who will speak to you tonight in Sacred Heart Church. The Bishop has already travelled through Europe, and is now preaching in this country in the interest of peace. He will show you how Our Lady of Lourdes can bring about the miracle of peace. When you hear the hall bell at ten-to-seven start out for the church.

PRAYEFS: (<u>deceased</u>) Mr. Brodie, father of Mary Brodie (St. Mary's); father of Ed Kelly (Far). (<u>Ill</u>) friend of Floyd Blair (St. Ed's), brain hemorrhage; Mary Ellen Molony; John Dineen; Ray Tierney, friend of Bill Delaney (BP). Nine Special Intentions. One Thanksgiving.

BISHOP OF LOURDES WILL SPEAK ARCUT GROTTO TONIGHT TUESDAY 700 PM IN CHURCH