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## In Memoriam

REV. EUGENE P. BURKE, C.S.C., '06

Rev. Eugene Paul Burke, C.S.C., 77, retired professor of religion and English at the University of Notre Dame, died late Wednesday afternoon in the student infirmary on the campus.



REV. E. BURKE.

editorial and literary positions.

Regarded as one of the most eloquent speakers and writers on the faculty for many years, Father Burke's career included administrative,

He also was the author of the lyrics of the Notre Dame football song, "When the Irish Backs Go Marching By."

Father Burke was born in Chicago on June 30, 1883, and entered the novitiate of the Holy Cross order on July 4, 1903. He made his final profession of vows on July 4, 1905, and was graduated from Notre Dame in 1906.

### One of First Dome Editors.

As a senior at the university, he was one of the editors of the first issue of the Dome, the Notre Dame yearbook.

Father Burke joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1914 for a five-year period. Later, he taught at

the university from 1934 until his retirement from the faculty in 1959.

He was president of the University of Portland, Ore., then known as Columbia University, from 1919 to 1925.

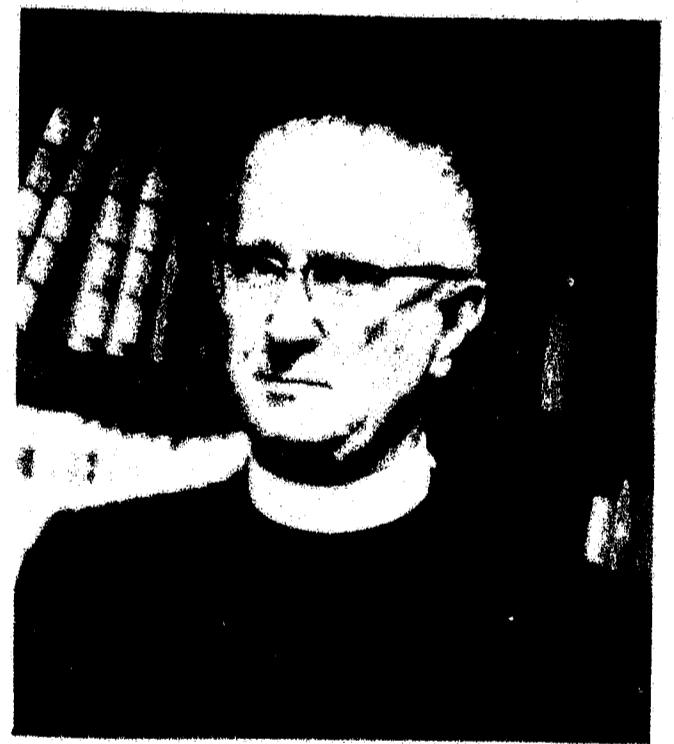
He celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest on June 26, 1959, in Sacred Heart Church.

Father Burke was also an accomplished pianist. He was a familiar figure in student residence halls in his younger days and often entertained the students with his musical talents.

In August, 1959, Father Burke was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by Notre Dame at the summer school commencement.

### DR. DENISSOFF

The Church has recently honored Dr. Elie Denissoff, formerly of the Philosophy Department here, by elevating him to the priesthood and bestowing upon him the dignity and title of Rt. Rev. Monsignor. The honor comes as recognition of his labors in the field of Ecumenism. Msgr. Denissoff taught here from 1948 until 1957. In 1960, he was named archpriest of the Greek Catholic church of the Annunciation at Nazareth. We wish him many years in God's service.




### BLOOD-DONORS

A former employee, the husband of one of the ladies who looks after the offices in the Main Building, is in need of blood. Four volunteers who might be willing to donate at the Central Blood Bank would be much appreciated. Please make arrangements by stopping at 116 Dillon or call Ext. 348 here on campus.

### IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for the following: Deceased: Rev. Eugene P. Burke, C.S.C.; mother of Pete Kelly of Fisher; grandfather of David Cormier of Alumni; mother of James Carson, '38; Thomas J. Walsh, '24. Ill: Friend of Joe Pietrus of Sorin; Prof. Thos. Madden, formerly of the English Dept.; son of Alfred Drinkard, '44; uncle of Henry Panek of Cavanaugh.



EXCESSIVE UNREASONABLE fear suggests absence of the virtue of courage. Controlled fear, on the other hand, is a built-in safety device that prompts one to put forth special effort to cope with a situation. Controlled fear is present where there is a well-developed moral personality.

I MENTION THIS today because it seems that both here and elsewhere in our time there is often a tendency to let fear get out of control. Of course, there can be situations where fear will render an act "not voluntary". But, in the majority of instances fear will not make one's action wholly "involuntary".

WE WOULD DO WELL to keep this in mind at this time, for fear, and especially fear of failure, has often been the cause of students doing some pretty strange things this time of year.

IN A RECENT STUDY on college cheating, Prof. Middlebrook of CCNY notes: "In our status-seeking, mobile, middle-class, competitive society cribbing in an exam or handing in someone else's written work as one's own is one kind of standard response to the fear of failure. This fear is strongest in the weakest students, those who by nature or training are

least able to keep up with the pace set by their superiors."

UNDERLYING this fear of failure is something equally as alarming. It suggests in many instances a poor competitive spirit. At this stage of things a lack of competitive spirit could presage still more regrettable failure ahead. A good competitor will usually be hard to live with following competitive failure. The poor competitor is invariably more talkative.

IT MAKES SENSE TO fear failure. But it makes very little sense to allow this fear to go uncontrolled. A competitive spirit goes a long way towards keeping this fear under control. Lack of a competitive spirit can set one up for this fear of failure getting out of control.

SO OFTEN after Easter there seems to be more soul-searching time available to all. Let it center around this problem, and try to see the role that grace can play in overcoming it. Just remember that the time for intelligent controlled concern is NOW. Not five weeks from now.

*Gene Boorman, c.c.*  
Student Chaplain